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## *Petunias*

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| 1. Giants of California | 4. Elk's Pride    |
| 2. White Cloud          | 5. Celestial Rose |
| 3. Burgundy             | 6. Heavenly Blue  |



GIANT SWISS PANSY



CAMELLIA TYPE TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIA



*Better Gardens* Presents . . .

# The Best NEW FLOWERS for Your 1948 Garden

## The Best New Summer Flower

**ASTER, Ballet Queen.** A fascinating new color . . . salmon rose; 100% wilt-resistance; 30 to 40 fully double 3-inch flowers per sturdy, bushy plant, for garden bed, or cutting. This new early-flowering Aster will renew your faith in the queen of summer flowers! **Pkt. 25c.**

**ASTER Princess Mixed.** This new cut-flower type has become exceedingly popular with florists, due to the remarkable keeping qualities. The full, deep crested centers are surrounded by several rows of plume-like guard petals, in all possible Aster colors. (See illustration, page 35.) Wilt-resistant 2½-foot plants and strong stems. **Pkt. 15c.**

## Three Easy Petunias for Every Garden

**PETUNIA Garden Giants.** At last a hardy, low-growing, truly giant-flowered mixture of the Giant Ruffled Petunias. Commencing to flower when quite small, the plants soon develop into compact 12-inch mounds of color. The flowers, in a wide variety of bright color combinations, retain their size and ruffling all summer despite the most adverse conditions of heat and dryness. **Pkt. 50c.**

**PETUNIA Glowing Rose.** The most startling of all the dwarf bedding varieties, because of its intense, unfading brilliant rose color. Flowers are larger than Celestial Rose, but plant habit is identical; planted at the same time with the other nana compacta varieties, Glowing Rose started to flower a month earlier yet remained in bloom as long as the later kinds! **Pkt. 25c.**

**PETUNIA Pink Sensation.** All-America Bronze Medal for 1948. A new habit in petunias, with large, rose-pink flowers in profusion for months, on tall (2-foot), yet bushy, erect plants. **Pkt. 50c.**



ASTER, BALLET QUEEN

## A New Race of Calendulas

**CALENDULA Pacific Beauty.** This fine new strain is a distinct advance in size of bloom and length and grace of petal; the stems are longer and straighter, and the taller plants are more resistant to summer heat. For 1948 introduction we offer four lovely colors:

**Apricot Beauty.** Two tones of soft apricot-orange blend in the long, wide petals; the centers are well covered with wide, incurving petals. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Cream Beauty.** Distinctive new shade—creamy white shading to pale yellow. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Lemon Beauty.** Identical in formation, but a pure lemon-yellow. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Persimmon Beauty.** Dark persimmon-orange flowers, otherwise similar. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Pacific Beauty Special.** 1 pkt. each variety for 75c.



CALENDULA, PACIFIC BEAUTY

## The First Bicolor Cosmos

See Colored Illustration, Page 35

**COSMOS Radiance.** This extra-large-flowered, early Sensation-type offers two shades new to Cosmos . . . both in the same flower! Deep rose petals overlaid toward the center with a well-defined zone of rich crimson. Showy in the garden all summer, and wonderful for cutting. **Pkt. 25c.**

## Six Months of Bloom for a Quarter!

**TETRA DIANTHUS Heddensis Mixed.** The large, open flowers and wealth of colors and combinations of the old Japanese Pinks, now combined with the rugged growth and long-stemmed habit of Dianthus Chinensis. More tolerant of extreme heat than either of its parents. **Pkt. 25c.**

## LARKSPUR Deep Carmine King Improved.

With its strong, tall (4- to 5-foot), basal-branched spikes of deep carmine-red, this new Larkspur is an outstanding example of the newer Giant Imperial strain which has superseded all others. **Pkt. 15c.**

## Another 1948 All-American

**MARIGOLD Red Head.** All-America Bronze Medal for 1948. The reddest of all Marigolds, the rich mahogany-red single flowers cover the rounded 12-inch bushes for a vivid summer garden display. **Pkt. 25c.**

## An Old Favorite Stands Up!

**VERBENA Bush-Type Salmon-Pink.** This unique Verbena forms a flat-topped bush about 10 inches high and 14 inches across, covered with large broad-petaled flowers of bright salmon-pink. Ideal for borders, yet the 8-inch straight stems encourage you to make use of this lovely, fragrant flower in bouquets. **Pkt. 25c.**



PETUNIA, GARDEN GIANTS



# Better Seeds

# Better Flowers

# Better Gardens

**Reliability.** Neil Campbell has grown flower seeds, and retailed them, for 20 years. His knowledge of the best varieties, and the conditions essential to their best germination and growth, are your assurance of the finest in flowers for your garden and your home.

**Guidance.** That you may attain the maximum results from BETTER GARDENS New Crop Seeds, he has included helpful information wherever possible in this catalog. It is Your Garden Guide . . . use it. If you wish another copy for your office . . . or bedside table . . . or for a friend, just ask us for it. If you have a question which does not seem to be answered herein, do not hesitate to ask us.

**How to Order.** All seeds are purchased direct from specialist-growers and carried in bulk . . . if you wish a larger quantity than a single packet of an item, we will supply out of bulk at a saving. (For instance, if packets are listed at 10c, an order for 15c worth will receive double the 10c quantity; an order for 25c worth will receive four times the 10c quantity, etc.) Since we packet all our own seeds, the quality of packet or bulk is identical in all cases.

**How to Raise BETTER GARDENS New Crop Seeds.** We have grouped our seeds according to the culture they require. Find the group number in the alphabetical listing (for example, Aster, Grp. 2) and then turn to page 5 for the Cultural Instructions, by groups.

- (a) is for Annuals, which bloom the first season and then die.
- (p) is for Perennials, which grow and bloom for many years.
- (b) is for Biennials, which do not bloom until the second season, then die.
- (pa) or (ba) indicates a perennial, or a biennial, which flowers sufficiently early to be treated as an annual, if desired.
- (c) is for Climbers. Annual vines will be marked (ac); perennial vines (pc).
- (g) is for Ground Covers, usually quick annuals sown where they are to bloom.
- (w) is for Wild Flowers, which are California natives, best sown in early winter where they are to bloom, and which usually will reseed themselves.

**For Finger-Tip Information** as to sowing times and locations, average germination periods, colors available, blooming times and situations, approximate heights, etc., see Neil Campbell's BETTER GARDENS PLANTING CHARTS, beginning on page 8.

## AFRICAN DAISY

See *Arctotis* and *Dimorphotheca*.

## AGATHEA

### "Blue Daisy" (p) Grp. 4

Few perennials bloom so freely in the border with so little care. True blue daisies with bright yellow centers on stems for cutting, in sun or half shade; to 2 feet. **Pkt. 15c.**

## AGERATUM

### "Floss Flower" (a) Grp. 2

Fluffy blue flowers all summer and fall on dwarf, compact plants, easily grown in any soil. Ideal for edgings and rockeries.

**Midget Blue.** Silver Medal All-America Selection 1940. Fine dwarf strain 3 inches high. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Blue Ball Improved.** True soft blue flowers smother the 6-inch plants. **Pkt. 10c.**

## ALSTROEMERIA

### "Peruvian Lily" (p) Grp. 4

Large heads of showy lily-like striped flowers, ideal for cutting as the stems are stiff, and the buds open in water; light shade or full sun.

**Chilense Hybrids.** Cream, yellow, orange, pink, salmon, and red flowers, and bi-color combinations of these shades; 2 to 3 ft. tall. **Pkt. 25c.**

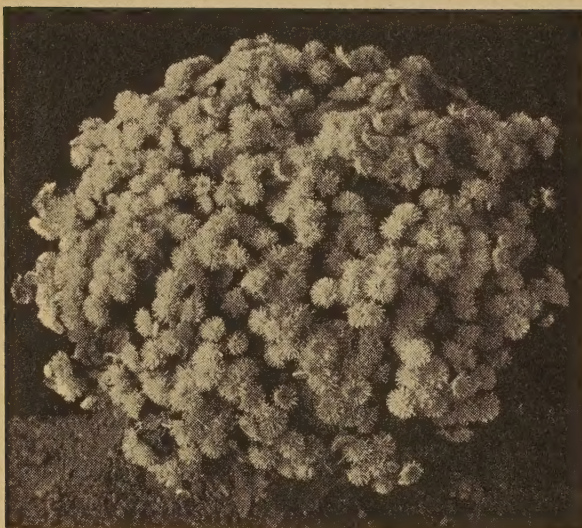
## ALYSSUM

Multipurpose flowers, for edgings, beds, bulb- and ground-covers, miniature bouquets, and even pots and window boxes.

**Carpet of Snow** (ag) Grp. 3. White flowers on 3-inch spreading plants. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Violet Queen** (ag) Grp. 3. Rich, deep violet flowers cover the neat, compact, 5-inch plants for months. **Pkt. 15c.**

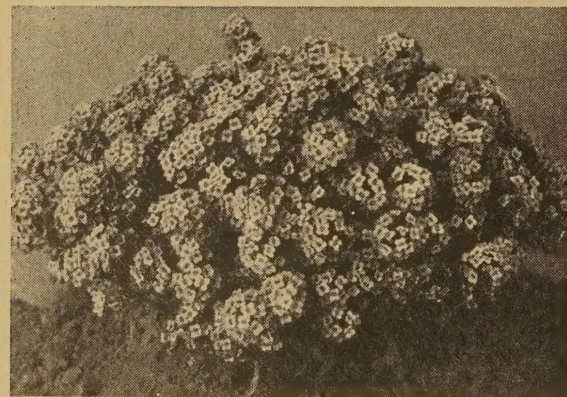
**Saxatile compactum "Gold Dust"** (p) Grp. 4. Masses of golden yellow cover the grey-foliaged 10-inch plants every spring. **Pkt. 10c.**



AGERATUM, MIDGET BLUE



ANAGALLIS, MIXED



ALYSSUM, VIOLET QUEEN



*Where and How to Grow  
Better Gardens  
Seed*



Find the group number of your flower in the catalog or on the chart in the center facing pages (for example, Aster, Grp. 2), and your cultural instructions in the column below.

**Group  
1**

Seeds in this group are difficult to transplant and include most of the wild flowers. Sow the seed in fall or early spring where the plants are to flower. Thin out to the desired distance when the seedlings are well started.

**Group  
2**

Seeds in this group are easily raised outside after the danger of frost has passed. Either sow them in their permanent positions then, or start earlier in a flat and transplant.

**Group  
3**

Seeds in this group are very hardy and may be sown outside, or started in flats, in late summer and fall as well as early spring in a mild climate. In cold climates, sow in early spring.

**Group  
4**

In this group are most of the perennials and biennials. For best results sow them in late spring or early summer, preferably in flats. When the seedlings are large enough transplant to other flats or pots, so that they may be set in their permanent positions after the heat of summer, spaced so that they may remain without crowding.

**Group  
5**

These are chiefly flowers with very fine seeds. Prepare the soil as noted on page 9, being certain that the surface is firmed down and perfectly level. Scatter the seeds, and merely press them into the surface with a flat piece of wood. If possible, water from below; otherwise, very gently with a rubber-bulb spray. Avoid too much water at any one time. Keep the surface darkened, but be sure there is a good air circulation. Prick off into other flats or pots before shifting to their permanent pots or beds.

**AMARANTHUS**

**"Joseph's Coat" (a) Grp. 2**

Extremely brilliant-colored foliage annuals for summer and fall beds and backgrounds.

**Molten Fire.** Lower leaves rich crimson; upper leaves fiery scarlet; 4 feet. **Pkt. 10c.**

**ANAGALLIS**

**"Pimpernel" (ag) Grp. 1**

Vivid-colored summer bedding and ground cover for full sun.

**Grandiflora coerulea.** Gentian blue shallow cups on spreading 8-inch plants. **Pkt. 10c.**

**ANCHUSA**

**"Summer Forget-Me-Not" (a)  
Grp. 3**

A free-flowering, sun-loving annual with graceful sprays of Forget-Me-Not-like flowers from early summer until late fall.

**Blue Bird.** Bronze Medal, AAS 1935. Deep blue flowers on bushy, 2-foot plants. **Pkt. 10c.**

**ANEMONE**

See under Ranunculus.

**ANTIRRHINUM**

See Snapdragon.

**AQUILEGIA**

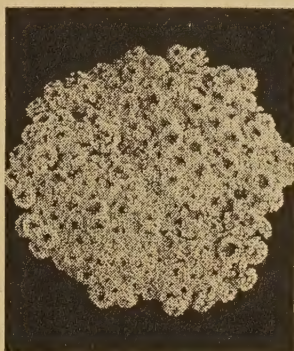
See Columbine.

**ARCTOTIS HYBRIDS (ap) Grp. 3**

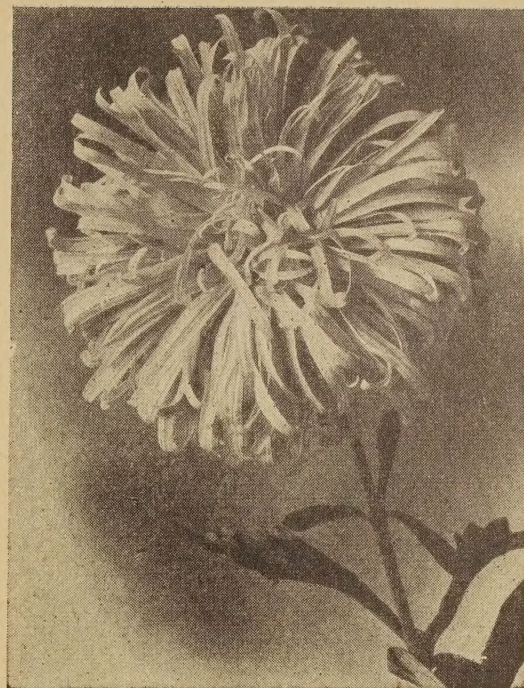
**Autumn Shades.** One of the best of all the free-flowering African Daisies, with the longest flowering season of all . . . 12 months a year! Shades of orange, red, yellow, copper, and bronze, on 1 1/2-foot plants. **Pkt. 15c.**

**ASPARAGUS FERN (p) Grp. 5**

**New A. Deflexus.** Long, feathery sprays on bushy plants, ideal for pots in partial shade or sun; an easily-grown house plant. **Pkt. 25c.**



ALYSSUM, CARPET OF SNOW



CREGO ASTER

**ASTER (a) Grp. 2**

Not only one of the top summer bedding flowers, but perhaps the finest, easily-grown flower for bouquets, Asters are justly a favorite garden subject. For more and finer flowers, transplant to a rich soil in full sun, and keep well cultivated between irrigations.

**GIANT CURLY-PETALED DOUBLES**

**Super Giant El Monte.** Deep glowing crimson. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Super Giant Los Angeles.** Shell pink flowers up to 6 inches across, on long stiff stems. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Early Giant Light Blue.** Wilt-resistant. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Early Giant Rose Marie.** Rich rose, wilt-resistant. **Pkt. 15c.**

**California Giant Dark Purple.** Wilt-resistant. **Pkt. 15c.**

**California Giant White.** Pure white. **Pkt. 15c.**

**California Giant Finest Mixed.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**GIANT INCURVED DOUBLES**

**Early Beauty Finest Mixed.** Wilt-resistant. **Pkt. 15c.**

**OSTRICH-FEATHERED DOUBLES**

**Improved Crego Mixed.** Wilt-resistant, curly-petaled medium-sized flowers cover the bushy plants through September. **Pkt. 10c.**

**ANEMONE-CENTERED ASTERS**

**New Princess Mixed.** See Novelties, page 3.

**Giant California Sunshine.** Large single flowers on long stems, with long petals surrounding the starry cushion centers. **Mixed, Pkt. 15c.**

**SINGLE ASTERS**

**Rainbow Mixture.** Wilt-resistant florist strain; blues and pinks predominate. **Pkt. 10c.**

**AUSTRALIAN PEA VINE**

**Dolichos lignosus (pc) Grp. 2**

Small rose-pink flowers like Sweet Peas in summer on evergreen vine. **Pkt. 10c.**





BELLIS, MONSTROSA, DOUBLE MIXED

### BABY BLUE EYES

**Nemophila** (ag) Grp. 1

Small cup-shaped flowers on 6-inch plants, perfect for bulb- and ground-covers, in sun or partial shade.

**Insignis Blue.** Sky-blue. **Pkt. 10c.**

### BABY'S BREATH

See Gypsophila.

### BACHELOR'S BUTTON or CORNFLOWER (a) Grp. 3

**Centaurea cyanus.** Large, very double flowers on long stems on 2- to 3-foot erect plants; one of the finest cut-flowers, and grown chiefly for that purpose.

**Blue Boy.** Rich Cornflower blue. **Pkt. 10c.**  
**Pinkie.** True rose-pink. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Finest Mixed.** Includes other shades. **Pkt. 10c.**



FIBROUS ROOTED BEGONIA

## BALSAM

### "Lady Slipper" (a) Grp. 2

An old and popular garden flower, equally at home in partial shade or full sun. Showy masses of brilliant, waxy double flowers on 2-foot bushes.

**Camellia Flowered.** The finest type.  
**Mixed. Pkt. 10c.**

## BEAN

See Scarlet Runner.

## BEGONIA (p) Grp. 2

Although Begonias may be grown in sun, they are one of the year-around shade-garden and potted plant mainstays, and chiefly grown for these purposes. Press the tiny seeds onto the surface of sand, leafmold, and loam.

**FIBROUS-ROOTED.** For bedding; 6 to 12 inches.

**Carmen.** Salmon; dark foliage.

**Christmas Cheer.** Large scarlet.

**Christmas Pink.** Large rose-pink.

**Indian Maid.** Scarlet; dark foliage.

**Luminosa.** Compact red.

**Scandinavia.** Dwarf pink.

**White Pearl.** Clear white. **Pkts. 25c.**

**TUBEROUS-ROOTED.** Breath-taking blooms for summer shade gardens and pots; 18 inches tall.

**Giant Camellia Doubles, Mixed.** (See illustration, page 2.) **Pkt. 50c.**

## BELLIS

### "English Daisy" (pa) Grp. 3

Very double pink, rose, and white daisies for cheerful edgings 6 inches high in cool weather, or partial shade.

**Monstrosa Rose, White, or Mixed. Pkts. 15c.**

## *It Is Easy . . .*

to raise flowers from seed. Remember the following points:

**SOW** the seeds in a well drained, porous soil mixture.

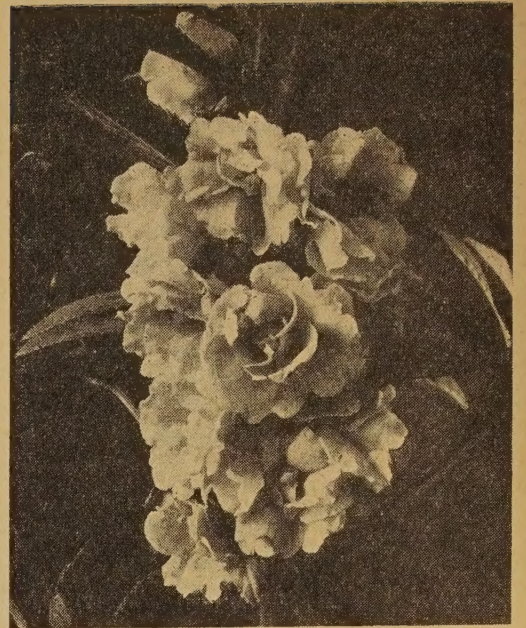
**SOIL**—Cover the seed lightly and evenly with fine soil. Remember—the finer the seed the thinner the covering should be.  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch is right for most flower seeds.

**WATER** only with a fine spray.

Do not let your seed flats or beds dry out. Keep them moist but not sopping wet.

Some kinds of seeds can be sown directly where they are to flower. Such seeds require little attention other than thinning.

*For more cultural hints  
see our information boxes  
on the following pages*



BALSAM, CAMELLIA FLOWERED

## BLUE LACE FLOWER

**Didiscus** (a) Grp. 2

Tiny tubular blue flowers in lacy flat heads, best as a cutflower in sun. **Pkt. 10c.**

## BRACHYCOME

See Swan River Daisy.

## BROWALLIA (a) Grp. 3

**Elata.** Deep pure blue, round, flat flowers for beds in sun or partial shade; 15 inches. **Pkt. 10c.**

## CALCEOLARIA

### "Pocketbook Plant" (a) Grp. 5

Showy spotted red, yellow, and bronze purse-shaped flowers for indoor pots in spring, or beds in mild shade later.

**Hybrida Grandiflora.** Extra large Mixed. **Pkt. 50c.**



BEGONIA, TUBEROUS ROOTED





CALENDULA, CHRYSANTHA

## CALENDULA

### Winter Marigold (a) Grp. 3

One of the best winter bedding and cutting flowers in Southern California, and at its best in the cooler months wherever possible; 18 to 24 inches high.

**Ball's Gold.** Full double golden yellow. Pkt. 15c.

**Ball's Masterpiece.** Large long-stemmed orange. Pkt. 15c.

**Chrysantha-type, Yellow Colossal.** Looser-petaled Buttercup yellow. Pkt. 10c.

**Lemon Queen.** Flat lemon yellow. Pkt. 10c.

**Orange King.** Large, deep orange.

**Pacific Beauty Type.** See page 3.

**Art Shades Mixed.** Many shades and two-toned combinations of orange, yellow and cream. Pkt. 10c.

## CALIFORNIA POPPY

### Eschscholtzia (aw) Grp. 1

If you have not grown some of the lovely new colors now available in California Poppies, you have a treat in store. The true golden native poppy is still a favorite everywhere, however.

**Aurantiaca, Orange.** True type. Pkt. 10c; oz. 45c.

**Hybrida Mixture.** Yellow, red, salmon, pink, lavender, white, etc. Pkt. 10c.



CALCEOLARIA

## CALLIOPSIS (a) Grp. 2

**Golden Crown.** Large, glistening, golden yellow daisies with a maroon center zone, for beds and cutting in summer. Pkt. 10c.

**Tall Mixed.** Bright yellows, rich reds, and showy combinations of these colors. Pkt. 10c.

## CAMPANULA

### Canterbury Bells (b) Grp. 4

**Calycanthema, Cup - and - Saucer Type.** Make a glorious display in the late spring garden IF you start the seeds in time . . . early summer or before.

**Mixed.** Shades of pink, blue, and white; to 3 feet. Pkt. 10c.

### CANDYTUFT (a) Grp. 1

Easily-grown, showy flowers for massed beds, borders, and for cutting.

**Giant Hyacinth-Flowered.** Thick, white, 1-foot spikes. Pkt. 10c.

**Umbellata Mixed.** Pink, rose-red, lavender, and white smaller flowers in profusion. Pkt. 10c.

## CARDINAL CLIMBER (ac)

### Grp. 2

Graceful climber with cardinal-scarlet blooms to 1 1/2 inches. Rich, dark green foliage to 15 feet, and blooms all summer. Pkt. 15c.

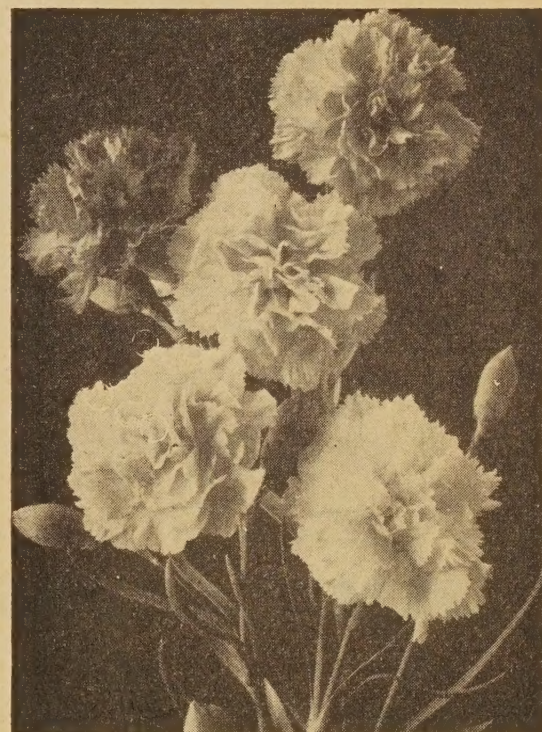
## CARNATION (p) Grp. 4

This favorite flower will always be ranked with the choicest, for its size, length of stem, delicious fragrance, and its repayment for better-than-average care.

**Chabaud's Giant Mixed.** A high percentage of large double flowers in shades of pink, rose, salmon, scarlet, crimson, yellow, and white, in six months from seed, and for months each season thereafter. Pkt. 15c.



CALLIOPSIS, GOLDEN CROWN



CARNATION, CHABAUD'S GIANT MIXED



CANDYTUFT GIANT  
HYACINTH-FLOWERED

CALIFORNIA POPPY  
Right ➡







CHRYSANTHEMUM, PAINTED DAISY

### CASTOR BEAN Ricinus (ap) Grp. 2

For quick tropical effects, and backgrounds, these giant-leaved bronze-and-green plants should be more used. Grow 10 to 12 feet the first season so may be grown as annuals.

Zanzibarensis Mixed. Pkt. 15c.

### CHINESE FORGET-ME-NOTS Cynoglossum (ba) Grp. 3

**Firmament.** A lovely new sun-loving Forget-Me-Not, of the purest deep sky-blue on compact, gray-green, 15-inch bushes. Pkt. 10c.

### CELOSIA

See Cockscomb.

### CENTAUREA

See Bachelor's Button and Sweet Sultan.

### CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual Painted Daisy (a) Grp. 3

Large daisies for cutting, on 2-foot plants, in bicolor and tricolor shades of yellow, white, pink, and red.

Merry Mixture. Extra gay. Pkt. 10c.

### CINERARIA (a) Grp. 5

Rich shades of blue, pink, red, purple, and white in glorious large heads, ideal for pots or shade-gardens in spring.

**Cremer's Prize Strain.** Medium - sized flowers but extra-large heads; the best pot strain. Pkt. 50c.

**Howard & Smith's California Giant Strain.** The largest flowers. Pkt. 50c.



CLEOME, PINK QUEEN



CLARKIA, ELEGANS

### CLARKIA (aw) Grp. 1

One of the few California natives well adapted for cutting. Showy double flowers in salmon, pink, rose, and red shades, to 2 feet.

Elegans Mixed. Pkt. 10c.

### CLEOME (a) Grp. 2

Tall, showy background and border plant, with large, loose, spider-like flower heads.

**Pink Queen.** Silver Medal AAS 1942. Purest pink. Pkt. 15c.

## BETTER GARDENS PLANTING CHART FOR CALIFORNIA

Flower Name	*Colors Offered	Sow When	Group No.	Where To Sow	†Germination Period	Situation	°Bloom When	Average Height
AGATHEA	Blue	Mar.-Aug.	4	F-O	10 Days	Sun-½ Sh.	All Year	2 ft.
AGERATUM	Blue	Mar.-June	2	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Oct.	6 in.
ALYSSUM	W, L, Y	Anytime	3	Open	10 Days	Sun	All Year	6 in.
AMARANTHUS	Red Fol.	Mar.-June	2	F-O	8 Days	Sun	Aug.-Oct.	4 ft.
ANAGALLIS	Blue	Mar.-June	1	Open	3 Weeks	Sun	May-Sept.	8 in.
ANCHUSA	Blue	Fl. or Spr.	3	F-O	10 Days	Sun	May-Sept.	2 ft.
ANEMONE	B, R, L, W	Sept.-Oct.	..	Open	30 Days	Sun	Mar.-May	1 ft.
ARCTOTIS	Y, O, R, W	Anytime	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	All Year	1½ ft.
ASTER	P, R, L, B, W	Feb.-May	2	Flat	10 Days	Sun	July-Sept.	2-3 ft.
BABY BLUE EYES	Blue	Oct.-May	1	Open	8 Days	Sun-½ Sh.	Jan.-Aug.	6 in.
BACHELOR BUTTON	B, P, R, L, W	Nov.-May	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Feb.-Aug.	2-3 ft.
BALSAM	P, R, W	Mar.-May	2	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	June-Sept.	2 ft.
BEGONIA	P, R, W	Jan.-May	2	Flat	2-3 Weeks	Shade-Sun	All Year	6-12 in.
BELLIS	P, R, W	Oct.-May	3	Flat	2 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	Jan.-July	6 in.
BLUE LACE FL.	Blue	Feb.-May	2	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	May-Sept.	2½ ft.
BROWALLIA	Blue	Sept.-Mar.	3	Open	30 Days	Sun-½ Sh.	Jan.-June	15 in.
CALCEOLARIA	R, Y, O	Aug.-Nov.	5	Flat	3-4 Weeks	Shade	Jan.-July	1 ft.
CALENDULA	O, Y	July-Mar.	3	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	Dec.-June	2 ft.
CALIF. POPPY	R, O, Y, P, W	Sept.-May	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	Feb.-July	1 ft.
CALLIOPSIS	Y, R	Mar.-June	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Oct.	2 ft.
CAMPANULA	B, P, W	Apr.-July	4	Flat	2 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	May-July	3 ft.
CANDYTUFT	P, R, L, W	Nov.-May	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	Feb.-Aug.	1 ft.
CARNATION	P, R, Y, L, W	Anytime	4	Flat	10 Days	Sun	Mar.-Oct.	1½ ft.
CHI. FORGET-ME-NOT	Blue	Oct.-Mar.	3	F-O	10 Days	Sun	Feb.-July	15 in.

\*B, Blue; C, Cream; L, Lavender; P, Pink; O, Orange; R, Red; W, White; Y, Yellow.

†Germination period is approximate only, as temperature, length of daylight and other factors influence.

°Months given are those in which a variety may be flowered, depending upon date seed was sown—not total period for any one sowing.



## COBOEA Scandens

"Cathedral Bells Vine" (ac)

Grp. 2

Large bells changing from green to violet on rapid summer shade vine. **Pkt. 10c.**

## COLEUS (p) Grp. 5

Brilliantly marked foliage for summer shade, or pots in a light window anytime.

**Rainbow Mixture.** Extra choice. **Pkt. 35c.**

## COLLINSIA

Chinese Houses (aw) Grp. 1

**Bicolor.** Blue and white flowers in spikes on shade-tolerant California wildflower. **Pkt. 15c.**

## COCKSCOMB

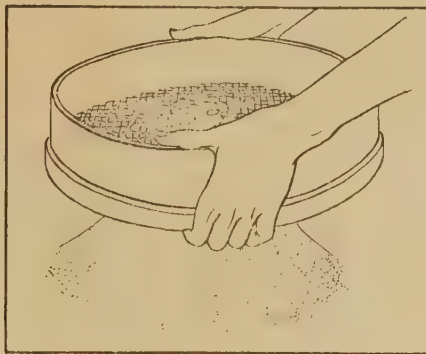
Celosia (a) Grp. 2

Showy hot-weather bedding annual producing massive heads of bloom in rich shades of red, orange and yellow.

**Cristata.** Tall true Cockscomb crimson. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Plumosa** (feather type). Pride of Castle Gould. **Select Mixed.** **Pkt. 15c.**

### Preparing the Soil



The ideal soil for seed is light and porous but will hold moisture enough to permit good germination.

A good soil mixture for seeding either indoors or outside is:  $\frac{1}{2}$  light loam,  $\frac{1}{4}$  sand and  $\frac{1}{4}$  granulated peat moss. The addition of leaf mold improves the mixture. The top 2 inches of a seed bed should be screened through a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh screen. The ingredients should be thoroughly mixed and, just before sowing, firmed down with a flat block of wood or similar implement.



COLUMBINE

## COLUMBINE

Aquilegia (p) Grp. 4

Among the most beautiful of spring and early summer flowers, for airy grace and soft pastel colorings. **BETTER GARDENS** carries the long-spurred strains only. Will flower first spring from fall-sown seed.

**L. S. Blue Shades.** Fine. **Pkt. 25c.**

**L. S. Orange and Scarlet Shades.** **Pkt. 25c.**

**L. S. Pink Shades.** **Pkt. 25c.**

**L. S. Snow Queen.** Fragrant pure white. **Pkt. 25c.**

**L. S. Better Gardens Hybrids Mixed.** The best. **Pkt. 25c.**



CELOSIA, CRISTATA

# BETTER GARDENS PLANTING CHART FOR CALIFORNIA

Flower Name	*Colors Offered	Sow When	Group No.	Where To Sow	†Germination Period	Situation	°Bloom When	Average Height
CHRYSANTHEMUM	Y, P, R, W	Oct.-May	3	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	Feb.-Aug.	2 ft.
CINERARIA	B, L, P, R, W	June-Oct.	5	Flat	10 Days	Shade	Feb.-June	1½ ft.
CLARKIA	P, R, W	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	2 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	Apr.-July	2 ft.
COCKSCOMB	R, Y, O	Mar.-May	2	Flat	10 Days	Sun	July-Oct.	1-2 ft.
COBOEA	Purple	Mar.-June	2	Open	3 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	July-Oct.	Vine
COLEUS	Col. Foliage	Feb.-May	5	Flat	2 Weeks	Shade	May-Nov.	1-2 ft.
COLLINSIA	B-and-W	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	2 Weeks	½ Sh.	Mar.-June	15 in.
COLUMBINE	B, P, R, Y, W	May-Oct.	4	Flat	3-6 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	May-July	2-3 ft.
CORAL BELLS	R, P	June-Oct.	4	Flat	3-4 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	May-Aug.	1½ ft.
COREOPSIS	Yellow	June-Nov.	4	Flat	3 Weeks	Sun	May-Aug.	2-3 ft.
COSMOS	P, R, W, O	Mar.-June	2	F-O	10 Days	Sun	May-Oct.	3-5 ft.
CYPRESS VINE	R, W	Mar.-May	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	July-Sept.	Vine
DAHLIA	R, O, Y, P, W	Jan.-May	2	F-O	10 Days	Sun	July-Nov.	18 in. up
DELPHINIUM	B, L, W	Anytime	4	Flat	2-3 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-Oct.	3-5 ft.
DIANTHUS	P, R, W	Anytime	3	F-O	1-2 Weeks	Sun	All Year	1 ft.
DIMORPHOTHECA	Y, O, W	Aug.-Jan.	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Dec.-June	1 ft.
DUSTY MILLER	Grey	Anytime	3	Flat	2-4 Weeks	Sun	Foliage	1 ft.
FORGET-ME-NOT	Blue	Aug.-Nov.	3	Flat	2 Weeks	Shade	Feb.-June	1 ft.
FOUR O'CLOCK	Y, R, P, W	Oct.-Apr.	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Oct.	2½ ft.
FOXGLOVE	L, P, W	Apr.-July	4	Flat	2 Weeks	Shade-Sun	Apr.-July	3-6 ft.
GAILLARDIA	Y, R, O	Anytime	3	F-O	2-3 Weeks	Sun	May-Oct.	2 ft.
GEUM	Y, R	June-Sept.	4	Flat	3 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	May-Aug.	2½ ft.
GILIA	Blue	Nov.-May	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	Apr.-July	2 ft.
GLOXINIA	B, R, L, W	Jan.-April	5	Flat	3-4 Weeks	Shade	Anytime	1 ft.
GODETIA	P, R, L, W	Nov.-May	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	May-Sept.	2 ft.
GOURDS	Fruits	Mar.-June	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	July-Sept.	Vine
GYPHOPHILA	White	Anytime	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	All Year	2 ft.





HEUCHERA, SANGUINEA

## CORAL BELLS

### Heuchera (p) Grp. 4

The deep green, heart-shaped foliage forms a good low year-round edging for a partially shaded walk or border, while the long, wiry stems which rise above it, with their profusion of coral-red dainty bells in late spring and early summer are a delight in the garden or a bouquet.

**Sanguinea Hybrids.** Shades of red and pink. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Sanguinea Splendens.** Vermillion-red. **Pkt. 25c.**

## COREOPSIS (p) Grp. 4

Few perennials offer more in garden show and cutflower production than the long-stemmed golden daisies of Coreopsis.

**Double Sunburst.** Large semi-double golden yellow. **Pkt. 10c.**

## COSMOS (a) Grp. 2

Easily-grown flowers for cutting and garden color, these are always among the most popular of all summer annuals. Do well even in poor soil; flowers keep for many days when cut.

**Radiance.** Winner of the highest award in the 1948 AAS trials. See Novelties, page 3.

**Orange Flare.** Long-stemmed flowers of vivid orange in profusion from July until frost. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Sensation Mixed.** Extra large (4- to 5-inch) pink and white flowers on 3-foot plants, all summer (first bloom in 8 weeks). **Pkt. 10c.**

**Extra Early Double Crested Mixed.** Cushion-centered white, pink and crimson Daisies. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Late Mammoth Single Mixed.** First flowers in early September, on 4-foot plants. **Pkt. 10c.**

## CYPRESS VINE

### Ipomoea Quamoclit (ac) Grp. 2

Rapid summer shade vine, with ferny foliage and quantities of starry flowers. **Mixed.** Red and white. **Pkt. 10c.**

## DAHLIA (p) Grp. 2

Although Dahlias will not come true to color from seed, they will be true to type, and flower the first summer from early-sown seed. Some of the finest summer beds are of bedding Dahlias, sown annually, but tubers may be saved if desired.

**Better Gardens Exhibition Mixed.** Giant Decorative and Cactus sorts only. **20 seeds 25c; 110 seeds \$1.00.**

**Unwin's Dwarf Hybrids.** Semi-double flowers in lovely shades; 1 1/2 feet. **Pkt. 15c.**



COREOPSIS, DOUBLE SUNBURST

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Flower Name	*Colors Offered	Sow When	Group No.	Where To Sow	†Germination Period	Situation	°Bloom When	Average Height
HIBISCUS	P, R, W	Jan.-May	4	F-O	2-4 Weeks	Sun	July-Oct.	4 ft.
HOLLYHOCK	P, R, Y, W	Feb.-Aug.	4	F-O	3 Weeks	Sun	June-Sept.	5 ft.
HUNNEMANNIA	Yellow	Nov.-Apr.	1	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Sept.	2 ft.
LARKSPUR	P, R, B, L, W	Sept.-Mar.	1	Open	2-4 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-July	4 ft.
LATHYRUS	P, R, W	Oct.-May	4	Open	3 Weeks	Sun	May-July	Vine
LINARIA	P, L, R, Y, W	Sept.-May	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	Jan.-Aug.	15 in.
LINUM RUBRUM	Scarlet	Anytime	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	All Year	2 ft.
LOBELIA	Blue	Jan.-May	2	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun-1/2 Sh.	May-Nov.	4 in.
LUPINS	B, W, R, Y	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	Mar.-July	1-3 ft.
MARIGOLD	Y, O, R	Mar.-June	2	F-O	10 Days	Sun	June-Nov.	1-3 ft.
MIGNONETTE	Y-and-R	Anytime	3	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	All Year	1 ft.
MIMULUS	Y, O, R	Mar.-June	2	Flat	1 Week	Shade	May-Sept.	8 in.
MINA LOBATA	R-and-Y	Mar.-June	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	Sept.-Nov.	Vine
MORNING GLORY	B, R, W	Mar.-June	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Nov.	Vine
NASTURTIUM	R, Y, O, P, W	Anytime	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun-1/2 Sh.	Jan.-Aug.	8 in.
NEMESIA	R, Y, O, P, B	Oct.-Apr.	3	F-O	3 Weeks	Sun	Feb.-July	1 ft.
NICOTIANA	W, P, R	Oct.-June	2	Open	10 Days	1/2 Sh.-Sun	Feb.-Sept.	3 ft.
NIEREMBERGIA	Purple	Jan.-May	3	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-Aug.	6 in.
PANSY	B, Y, R, L, W	July-Dec.	4	Flat	12 Days	Sun-1/2 Sh.	Oct.-July	6 in.
PENSTEMON	P, R, L, W	Aug.-Nov.	4	Flat	2-3 Weeks	Sun	Mar.-Oct.	2 ft.
PETUNIA	B, P, R, L, W	Jan.-July	2	Flat	10 Days	Sun	Mar.-Nov.	1-2 ft.
PHACELIA	Blue	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun-1/2 Sh.	Mar.-July	1 ft.
PHLOX DRUM.	R, P, L, C, W	Anytime	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	All Year	1 ft.
POPPY, ICELAND	Y, O, P, W	Aug.-Dec.	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Dec.-July	1 1/2 ft.
POPPY, SHIRLEY	P, R, W	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	Mar.-July	1 1/2 ft.

\*B, Blue; C, Cream; L, Lavender; P, Pink; O, Orange; R, Red; W, White; Y, Yellow.

†Germination period is approximate only, as temperature, length of daylight and other factors influence.

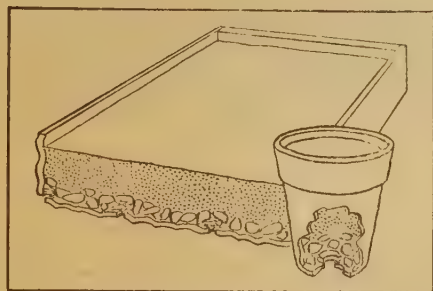
°Months given are those in which a variety may be flowered, depending upon date seed was sown—not total period for any one sowing.





DIMORPHOTHECA AURANTIACA

### Drainage is Important



For growing seed indoors either pots or shallow boxes known as flats, are satisfactory. Whichever you use be sure the drainage is good. In the case of flats see that the boards on the bottom are spaced about a quarter of an inch apart. When filling the seed flats place some material such as granulated peat moss along the cracks to prevent the soil from washing through the bottom. On the bottom half inch of the flat place gravel or soil screenings to help the drainage. If pots are used be sure to put some drainage material in the bottoms.



DELPHINIUM, PACIFIC HYBRIDS

### DELPHINIUM (p) Grp. 4

**Pacific Hybrids.** This new strain, originated on the Pacific Coast to grow under Pacific Coast conditions, has become the standard of the world. Huge individual flowers, 2½ to 3½ inches across, beautifully spaced on well-balanced tall spikes. The color range is excellent; the plants highly resistant to mildew.

**Round Table Series.** The finest cross-pollinated strain, containing the newest and choicest colors. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Pacific Giants Mixed.** **Pkt. 25c.**

### DIANTHUS, "Pinks"

Whether they are the fragrant perennial varieties, or the free-flowering annual types, Garden Pinks generously repay for any "space in the sun" that you can give them.

**Heddewigi laciniatus Gaiety Mixture** (a) Grp. 3. Large, deeply-cut flowers in a rich assortment of colorings. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Heddensis Mixed.** See Novelties, page 3.

**Plumarius Cyclops** (p) Grp. 4. The finest strain of the spicy "Clove Pinks". Each large, single flower is marked with a distinct deeper eye; the color range is exceptional. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Rock-Garden Rare Species Mixed.** Includes 25 varieties of hardy Pinks. **Pkt. 25c.**

### DIGITALIS

See Foxglove.

### DIMORPHOTHECA

#### African Daisy

For mid-winter bloom in a mild climate, few flowers can equal the Daisies from South Africa, and the annual and perennial Dimorphothecas head this list.

**Aurantiaca Mixed** (a) Grp. 3. Bright, sun-loving Daisies in orange, salmon, yellow and glistening white. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Ecklonis** (p) Grp. 4. The large shimmering white petals surround an unusual dark blue center. **Pkt. 25c.**

### DUSTY MILLER (p) Grp. 3

**Centaurea candidissima.** Compact, silver-leaved plants very effective for edgings; flowers resemble yellow thistles. **Pkt. 15c.**

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PORTULACA	R, Y, O, P	Feb.-June	1	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	June-Oct.	6 in.
PRIMULA MALAC.	L, P, R, W	May-Oct.	4	Flat	3 Weeks	Shade	Dec.-May	1 ft.
PRIMULA POLY.	Y, R, B	May-Oct.	4	Flat	30-60 Days	Shade	Mar.-May	8 in.
PYRETHRUM	P, R	May-Oct.	4	Flat	3 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-June	1½ ft.
QUEEN ANNE'S LACE	White	Feb.-May	1	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	May-Aug.	2½ ft.
RANUNCULUS	R, O, Y, P, W	Sept.-Oct.	..	Open	30 Days	Sun	Mar.-May	1 ft.
RUDBECKIA	Y, O, R	Feb.-May	3	F-O	10 Days	Sun	July-Nov.	3 ft.
SALPIGLOSSIS	B, R, Y, P, W	Nov.-May	2	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-Sept.	2 ft.
SALVIA	Scarlet	Jan.-May	2	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	July-Nov.	1½ ft.
SAAPONARIA	Pink	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	Mar.-July	2 ft.
SCABIOSA	B, P, R, L, W	Sept.-May	3	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Mar.-Sept.	3 ft.
SCARLET RUNNER	Scarlet	Mar.-June	2	Open	10 Days	Sun	June-Oct.	Vine
SCHIZANTHUS	P, R, L, W	Nov.-May	3	F-O	2-4 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	Feb.-Aug.	1 ft.
SHASTA DAISY	White	Anytime	4	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	May-Aug.	2 ft.
SNAPDRAGON	R, O, Y, P, W	June-Feb.	3	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	Jan.-Aug.	1-4 ft.
STOCK	L, P, R, C, W	June-Nov.	3	Flat	1 Week	Sun	Dec.-June	2 ft.
STREPTOCARPUS	B, L, P, W	Nov.-Mar.	5	Flat	3 Weeks	Shade	Apr.-Oct.	6 in.
SWAN RIVER DAISY	B, P, W	Nov.-Apr.	1	Open	10 Days	Sun-½ Sh.	Feb.-July	1 ft.
SWEET WILLIAM	P, R, W	June-Oct.	4	Flat	1 Week	Sun	Apr.-July	1½ ft.
THUNBERGIA	Y, O, W	Feb.-June	2	Open	2 Weeks	Sun	July-Nov.	Vine
TITHONIA	O-R	Mar.-June	2	F-O	3 Weeks	Sun	Sept.-Nov.	6 ft.
TORENIA	Blue	Feb.-June	2	Flat	2 Weeks	½ Sh.-Sun	June-Oct.	8 in.
VERBENA	B, L, P, R, W	Anytime	2	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Mar.-Nov.	8 in.
VINCA	P, W	Feb.-May	2	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	June-Nov.	1 ft.
VIOLA	B, Y, R, W	July-Feb.	4	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun-½ Sh.	Oct.-June	6 in.
VIRGINIAN STOCK	P, L, W	Oct.-Apr.	1	Open	10 Days	Sun	Jan.-July	6 in.
VISCARIA	P, B, W	Oct.-Apr.	1	F-O	2 Weeks	Sun	Apr.-June	1 ft.
WALLFLOWER	Y, O, R	July-Jan.	4	Flat	2 Weeks	Sun	Jan.-June	1½ ft.
ZINNIA	R, Y, O, L, P	Mar.-July	2	F-O	3-8 Days	Sun	June-Nov.	1-4 ft.

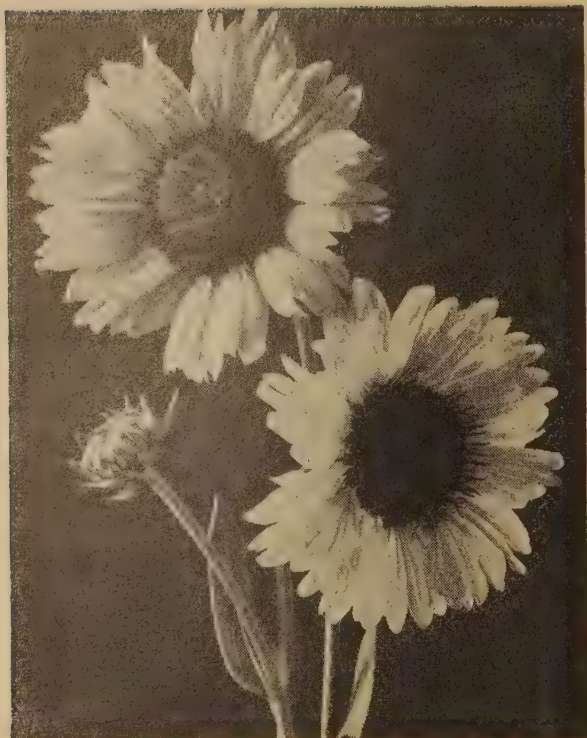




HUNNEMANNIA  
SUNLIGHT



GODETIA, SINGLE



GAILLARDIA, DAZZLER

## ENGLISH DAISY

See Bellis.

## FORGET-ME-NOT

*Myosotis* (ap) Grp. 3

**Oblongata Perfecta, Blue Bird.** The lovely 1-foot variety which has proven best in Southern California. Flowers first season, so best treated as an annual, sowing in late summer or fall for winter and spring bloom in full or partial shade. **Pkt. 15c.**

## FOUR O'CLOCKS

**"Marvel of Peru"** (ap) Grp. 3

**Tall Mixed.** The flowers remain closed until late afternoon. Red, yellow, pink, and white flowers on 2½-foot bushes. **Pkt. 10c.**

## FOXGLOVE

*Digitalis* (b) Grp. 4

No other flower affords such stately bloom in shade, yet Foxglove will flower equally as well in sun. Use for back-grounds, and height in borders; reach 4 to 6 feet.

**The Shirley.** Large, spotted blooms. **Pkt. 10c.**

## GAILLARDIA, "Blanket Flower"

Tones of orange, yellow, red, and maroon, often beautifully combined in a single blossom, make these flowering plants gay ornaments of the garden all summer.

**The Dazzler** (p) Grp. 4. Intense golden yellow; maroon zone. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Lorenziana Double Mixed** (a) Grp. 3. Unusual globular flowers combining many colors, and blooming for months. **Pkt. 10c.**

## GEUM (p) Grp. 4

Beautiful hardy perennials, profusely bearing flowers suitable for cutting.

**Lady Stratheden.** Large double golden-yellow rose-like blooms. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Mrs. Bradshaw.** Large full flowers of vivid scarlet. **Pkt. 15c.**



FOXGLOVE

## GILIA (aw) Grp. 1

**Capitata "Thimble Flower".** Large, fluffy, sky-blue heads on 2-foot stems for cutting; one of the best California natives. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Micrantha "Fairy Stars".** Tiny star-like flowers on individual stems, in many pastel colors, on 6-inch plants. You'll be glad you tried them, for ground-cover, edgings, or cut for miniature bouquets. **Pkt. 10c.**

## GLOXINIA (p) Grp. 5

Giant velvety flowers and leaves make this a magnificent pot plant; the tubers may be dried-off in the pots, and flowered again.

**Better Gardens Mixed.** Rich reds, pinks, purples, and blues, with and without tigered throats. **Pkt. 50c.**

## GODETIA

**Satinflower** (aw) Grp. 1

These handsome annuals, with their glistening Azalea-like flowers, are the most useful of all the California wild-flowers. Showy in the late spring and early summer garden, and a florist favorite because the buds open well after cutting.

**Tall Double Mixed.** Long graceful spikes are decorated with double blossoms like satin pompons one above another. Height, 2 feet. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Half-Dwarf Single Mixed.** With the flowers in clusters; the same rich color range: Pinks, salmons, reds, and white. **Pkt. 10c.**

## GOURDS (ac) Grp. 2

They are fascinating to watch develop on their rapid vines . . . and afford quick shade as well, if planted near fence or trellis.

**Large Sorts Mixed.** And we mean large! **Pkt. 10c.**

**Small Ornamental Mixed.** Colorful. **Pkt. 10c.**



## GYPSOPHILA

### Baby's Breath (a) Grp. 1

**London Market.** Dainty white flowers in airy clusters for mixed bouquets. **Pkt. 10c.**

## HELIANTHUS

See Sunflower.

## HELICHRYSUM

See Strawflower.

## HEUCHERA

See Coral Bells.

## HIBISCUS (p) Grp. 4

**Mallo Marvels.** The hardy herbaceous Hibiscus, flowering the first season from seed, with huge single red, pink, and white blossoms, and growing from the root each spring. **Pkt. 15c.**

## HOLLYHOCK (p) Grp. 4

The beautiful backgrounds and color effects produced by the planting of these flowers render them indispensable for the old-fashioned garden or the herbaceous border. Height 5 to 10 feet.

**Chater's Double Mixed.** Glorious large pompons of pink, salmon, bronze, yellow, scarlet, maroon, and white. **Pkt. 15c.**

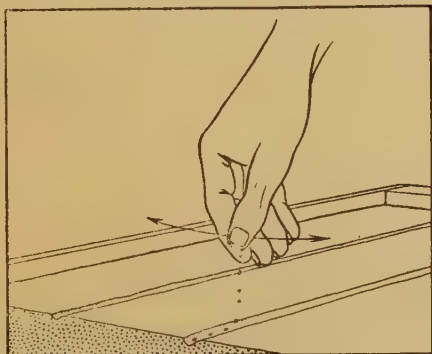
**New Semi-Double Annual Mixed.** Grp. 3. Will flower in six months. **Pkt. 10c.**

## HUNNEMANNIA

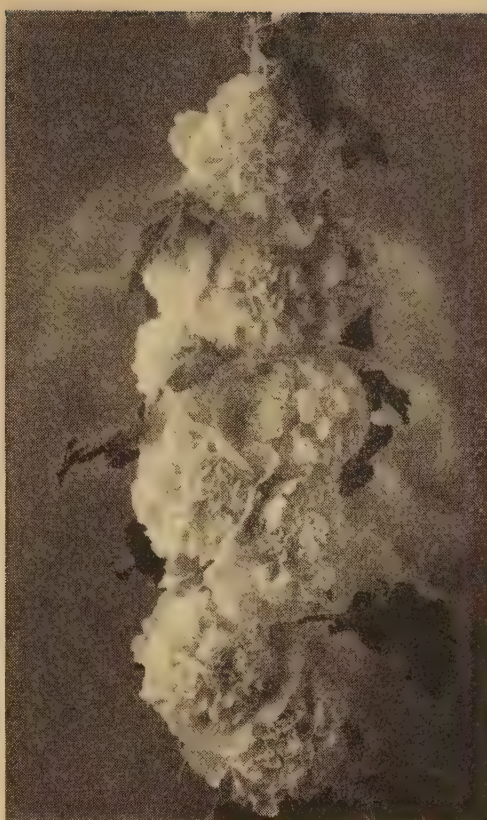
### "Mexican Tulip Poppy" (a) Grp. 1

**Sunlite.** Large, semi-double rich yellow cups on good stems, which unlike most other Poppies, keep well when cut. Also effective and lasting in the garden. **Pkt. 15c.**

### *Sowing the Seed*



Mark the surface of the flat or seed bed by pressing a narrow edged ruler or garden label lightly into the surface. Sow the seed thinly in the depressions, either directly from the seed packets, or by sifting it out between your thumb and forefinger. The seed should be covered lightly. A fine meshed kitchen screen serves very well for this purpose. Place a handful of dry soil mixture in the screen and sieve onto the seed drill.



DOUBLE HOLLYHOCK

## LARKSPUR (a) Grp. 1

The lovely and useful Annual Delphinium are adorned with finely cut, feathery foliage which sets off to advantage the handsome long floral spikes of double blossoms.

BETTER GARDENS recommends, and handles exclusively, the fine, new upright, basal-branching **Giant Imperial strain:**

**Blue Bell.** Clear light blue. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Blue Spire.** Rich dark blue. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Deep Carmine King.** See Novelties, page 3.

**Miss California.** Salmon-pink. **Pkt. 10c.**

**White King.** Finest white. **Pkt. 10c.**

**All Colors Mixed.** **Pkt. 10c.**

## LATHYRUS

### Perennial Sweet Pea (p) Grp. 4

**Latifolius Mixed.** Grown as an annually recurring groundcover and vine as the showy red, pink, and white pea-like flowers are not fragrant. **Pkt. 10c.**

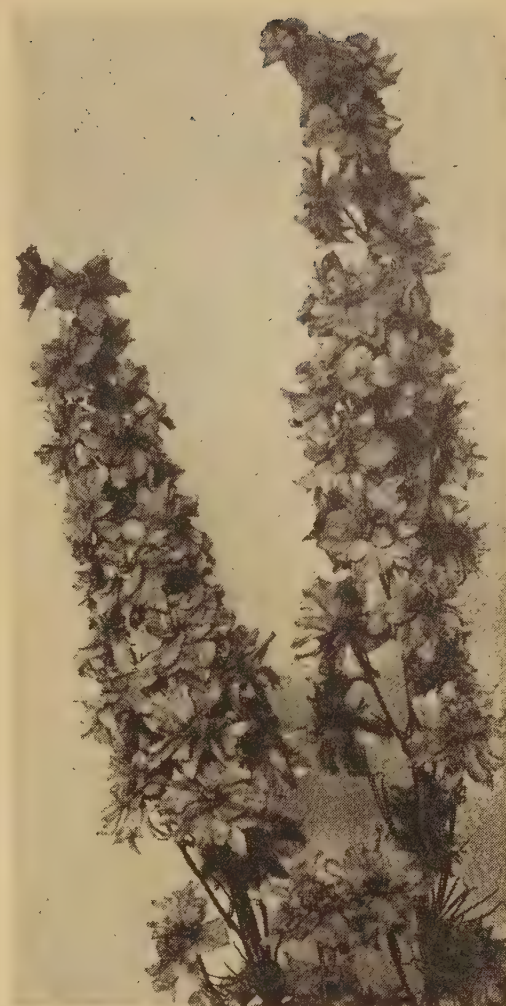
## LINARIA

### Baby Snapdragon (a) Grp. 1

Dainty miniature-snapdragon flowers in spikes, perfect for winter and spring bedding, ground-covers, and for mixed bouquets. The color range includes both lovely pastel tints and bicolors and bright yellows, salmons, and reds.

**Fairy Bouquet Mixed.** Compact, 8-inch bushes. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Maroccana Hybrida Mixed.** Stems to 15 inches. **Pkt. 10c.**



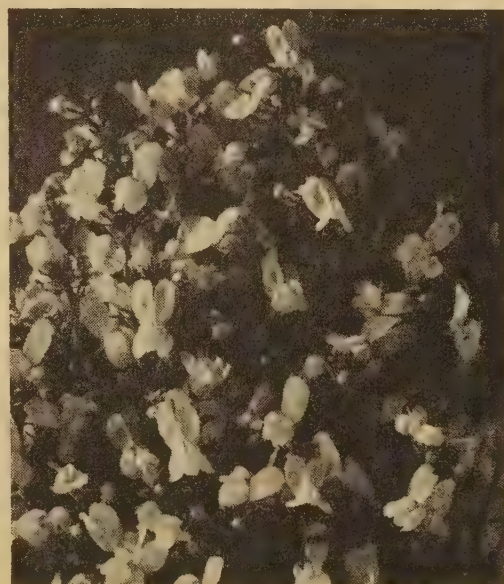
LARKSPUR, GIANT IMPERIAL

## LINUM

**Scarlet Flax (a) Grp. 1.** Quick and easy vivid scarlet color in sun almost anytime. Height about 2 feet. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Blue Flax (p) Grp. 4.** One-inch flowers of the purest sky-blue seem almost afloat above the slight, feathery foliage. **Pkt. 15c.**

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LINARIA, FAIRY BOUQUET





LOBELIA, CRYSTAL PALACE

### LOBELIA (a) Grp. 2

A dainty and continuous-blooming annual of compact habit, remarkable for its profusion of pure blue flowers. The 4-inch plants are unexcelled for edgings, formal beds, hanging baskets and window boxes.

**Compacta, Emperor William.** Rich mid-blue; green foliage. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Compacta, Crystal Palace.** Dark blue; bronzy foliage. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Pendula Sapphire.** The finest trailing Lobelia, with large, deep blue flowers. **Pkt. 10c.**

### LUNARIA

#### "Honesty" (b) Grp. 4

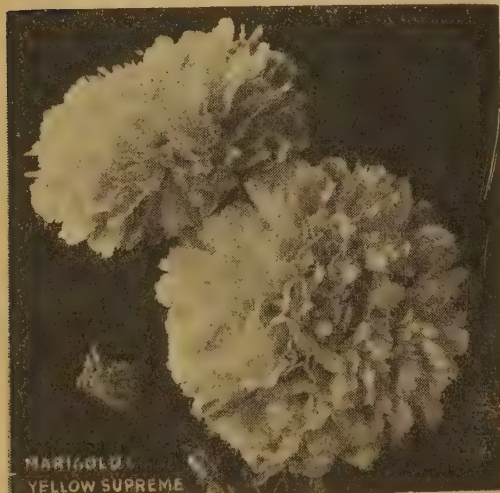
The purple and white flowers are not showy, but the interesting, large, transparent, silvery, flat pods are easily dried for winter decoration. **Pkt. 10c.**

### LUPINS

**Lupinus Nanus** (aw) Grp. 1. This 1-foot, dwarf sky-blue is the best California native Lupin for covering fields, vacant lots, and odd spots in the garden. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Hartwegi Giant King Mixed** (a) Grp. 1. Large flowers in shades of blue and white. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Russell Lupins** (p) Grp. 4. Magnificent hybrids in pure colors and bicolors of yellow, orange, rose, blue, etc., to 3 feet. Best in a cool, moist climate, in sun. **Pkt. 25c.**



MARIGOLD  
YELLOW SUPREME



MARIGOLD, SUNSET GIANTS

### MARIGOLD (a) Grp. 2

Few flowers are as easily grown, or as generous in their production of bloom for garden and bouquet, as the French and African Marigolds. Cut stems carefully to avoid the somewhat disagreeable odor when bruised.

**African All-Double Orange.** Tall, long-stemmed, fluffily double. **Pkt. 15c.**

**African All-Double Lemon.** Similar, soft yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Gigantea Sunset Giants Full-Double Mixture.** Huge, loosely-formed sweet-scented flowers in many shades from dark orange to palest yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Carnation-Flowered African, Guinea Gold.** Carnation-like petals and unusually brilliant golden color make this flower outstanding for garden or cutting (it lacks most of the pungent odor of other Marigolds). 2½ feet. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Carnation-Flowered African, Yellow Supreme.** A soft lemon yellow counterpart of Guinea Gold. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Dwarf French, Double Harmony Hybrids.** The flowers of these dwarf (1-foot) bedding Marigolds are charming and distinct, Scabiosa-like in formation with tubular center petals flanked by broad guard petals. The color combinations are wonderfully varied, in contrasting shades of yellow, orange, and maroon. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Dwarf French, Naughty Marietta.** 1947 AAS Winner. Large size golden yellow with maroon blotch on each petal-base. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Dwarf French, Red Head.** See Novelties, page 3.

**Miniature French, Yellow Pygmy.** Very compact, 8-inch plants covered with fully-double lemon yellow flowers unexcelled for a long-lived border or edging. **Pkt. 15c.**



MORNING GLORY, PEARLY GATES

### MIGNONETTE

#### Reseda Odorata (a) Grp. 3

This old-fashioned flower is still very popular because of its sweet perfume, which is most pronounced when grown in a light, sandy soil.

**Machet Mixed.** Includes only large-flowering varieties of sweet-scented mignonette; about 8-inch spikes. **Pkt. 10c.**

### MIMULUS (a) Grp. 2

**Tigrinus, Queen's Prize Mixed.** Unusual spotted large yellow, white, orange, and red flowers for light shade and moist soil, on spreading 8-inch plants. **Pkt. 15c.**

### MINA LOBATA

#### "Flag of Spain Vine" (ac) Grp. 2

Tops in summer vines . . . for lovely lobed foliage for shade, quickly produced . . . and for colorful red-and-gold bloom (surprisingly adapted to cutting) from early September until frost. **Pkt. 25c.**

### MORNING GLORY

#### Ipomoea (ac) Grp. 2

**Heavenly Blue.** This early-blooming climber brought renewed popularity to Morning Glories. The lovely deep sky-blue flowers are 3½ inches across, and cover the vines for months. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Pearly Gates.** The glistening white flowers are 4 inches across when fully open. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Scarlett O'Hara.** Extra large, deep rose-red Morning Glories. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Patriotic Mixture.** The preceding three kinds only. **Pkt. 15c.**



MARIGOLD, DWARF FRENCH HARMONY





NASTURTIUMS, DOUBLE GLEAM

## MYOSOTIS

See Forget-Me-Not.

## NASTURTIUM (a) Grp. 1

**Glorious Gleam Hybrids.** Delightfully sweet-scented semi-doubles on spreading plants, the color range a brilliant blend of salmon, gold, scarlet, maroon, and yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Golden Gleam.** The original semi-double, golden yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Mahogany Gleam.** Dark red flowers; contrasting green foliage. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Dwarf Double Gem Mixture.** An evenly-balanced range of colors on dwarf, compact plants for low beds and edgings. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Tall or Climbing.** Although the flowers are single, this is the best type for covering fences and trellises, or trailing from window boxes and vases.

**Brilliant Mixture.** **Pkt. 15c.**

## NEMESIA (a) Grp. 3

Few bedding flowers can compete with the brilliance of hue and freedom of bloom of these compact little 1-foot Snapdragon relatives. The bright colors include reds, yellows, oranges, and blue. Cut back for a second crop of bloom.

**Suttoni Mixed.** **Pkt. 15c.**

## NEMOPHILA

See Baby Blue Eyes.



NIEREMBERGIA, DWARF CUP FLOWER

## NICOTIANA

### "Flowering Tobacco" (a) Grp. 2

Stately 3-foot plants producing large, trumpet-shaped flowers all summer and fall, delightfully fragrant at night.

**Affinis Hybrids.** Pink, white, and red. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Affinis White.** Most fragrant. **Pkt. 10c.**

## NIEREMBERGIA

### "Dwarf Cup Flower" (pa) Grp. 3

The very dwarf (6-inch) spreading plants are covered with cup-shaped flowers for months; will bloom as annuals but may be flowered for another season.

**Hippomanica.** Lavender-blue. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Purple Robe.** Unfading deep violet. **Pkt. 25c.**

## PANSY (ba) Grp. 4

For winter bloom in Southern California Pansies require full sun. However,



PANSY



NEMESIA

partial shade is preferable for plants set in spring or summer. Although your own Pansies are easily grown from seed, we recommend that you conserve your time and effort, by starting with only the finest available strains . . . BETTER GARDENS offers no others.

### Genuine Imported Roggli Swiss Giants.

Rich red, purple, pure white, pure yellow, yellow (black center), brick-red, rose-pink, rich deep blue, all available separately, or **mixed** (including other shades). **Pkts. 25c; 1/16 oz. \$2.00.**

### Steele's Butterfly Hybrids.

A lovely new Jumbo strain, with wavy, heavily-ruffled petals. The huge flowers include many pastel tints of lavender, yellow, blue, tan, copper, and rose. **Pkt. 35c.**

### Steele's Mastodon Jumbo Mixture.

Equally as large as the Roggli Swiss, but in an even wider color range, including exquisite pastel shades. **Pkt. 25c; 1/16 oz. \$2.00.**

### "Santa Anita Jumbo Mixed".

Blended from the above two strains. **Pkt. 25c; 1/16 oz. \$2.00.**



NICOTIANA, AFFINIS





PETUNIA, RUFFLED GIANTS

### PENSTEMON (p) Grp. 4

Snapdragon-like spikes, flowers like Foxglove, and a long blooming season, unusual for a hardy perennial, are all yours with Penstemon.

**Sensation Mixed.** Lovely shades and markings of pink, rose, red, and violet. **Pkt. 15c.**

### PETUNIA (pa) Grp. 2

Still one of our commonest and best-beloved flowers . . . but there is nothing common about some of the aristocratic newer types. Seed is best sown in seed-boxes early in the year and later transplanted, or sown out-of-doors in the spring. Cover very lightly and apply water with a fine spray. Be careful not to discard the smaller and weaker seedlings, as it is from these that the finest flowers are often obtained. See color illustration, page 2.

#### COMPACT BEDDING VARIETIES:

**Celestial Rose.** Bright rose. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Glowing Rose.** See Novelties, page 3.

**Heavenly Blue.** Best lavender-blue. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Rosy Morn.** Rosy pink; white throat. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Snow Mountain.** Best white. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Velvet Ball** (Burgundy). Rich red. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Ruffled Garden Giants.** See Novelties, page 3.

#### EXTRA LARGE-FLOWERED TYPES:

**Dazzler.** New intense orange-scarlet. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Elk's Pride.** Velvety blue-purple. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Ruffled Giants of California, Bodger's Supreme Florist Strain Mixed.** Extremely large flowers, rich in shades of pink, rose, salmon, and copper. **Pkt. 35c.**

**White Cloud.** Pure white. **Pkt. 25c.**

### PHACELIA (aw) Grp. 1

**Campanularia "California Blue Bell".** Rich Gention blue bell-flowers for sun or light shade. **Pkt. 10c.**

### PHLOX DRUMMONDI (a)

#### Grp. 3

Glorious masses of color for many months have kept the Annual Phlox at the head of the list of garden bedders and edgings for many years.

**Chamois Rose.** Salmon-pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Dark Blue-Violet.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**Isabellina.** Buff yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Pure White.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**Scarlet.** White eye. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Grandiflora Mixed.** Many colors. **Pkt. 15c.**

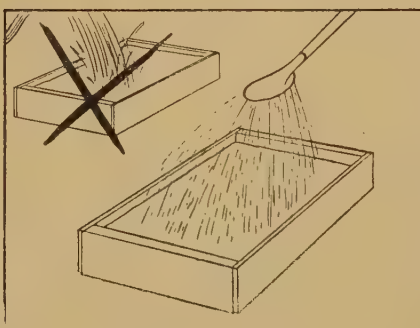
**Nana Compacta Mixed.** Dwarf 6-inch. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Gigantea Art Shades.** Extra large florets in pastel shades, with prominent white eyes; 1 foot. **Pkt. 15c.**



PHLOX DRUMMONDI

#### Water - But Gently



Water the seed bed thoroughly, but gently with a fine spray. A coarse spray or stream of water will wash the seed out of the soil. For this reason, when using an outdoor seed bed, it is well to have a cover available to place over the seed bed during rainy spells. This should be supported several inches over the seed bed to allow free circulation of air.

Be sure to keep the seed bed moist. Excessive dryness will prevent germination.



PLATYCODON, CHINESE BELLFLOWER

### PLATYCODON (p) Grp. 4

The deep blue, large, open bells are colorful and interesting in the half-shady border. **Pkt. 15c.**

### POPPIES, Papaver

Poppies have always been favorite garden flowers for their delicacy as well as the simplicity of the buds and neatness of the foliage. The pure colors and fine texture of the petals make a good showing in the garden. In California, sow from October to March; in colder climates, very early spring.

**Iceland Poppies** (pa) Grp. 3. Low foliage ideal as an edging, with wiry 15-inch stems for cutting displaying the orange, yellow, pink, salmon, and white crinkled cups perfectly. **Imperial Jewels Mixture. Pkt. 15c.**

**Oriental Poppies** (p) Grp. 4. Hardy plants with numerous leafy stems about 2½ feet bearing large, showy flowers of salmon, pink, and orange-scarlet, with a conspicuous black blotch on each petal. Best along the coast, and in similar cool, moist climates. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Shirley Poppies** (a) Grp. 1. A most charming flower for the garden. The 2½-foot plants with their deeply-cut foliage, slender, hairy stems and silky-petaled blossoms, often fluted, present a gay, airy picture. **Single Mixed. Pkt. 10c. Double Shirley Finest Mixed. Pkt. 10c.**

See California Poppies under California.



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## PORTULACA

### "Moss Rose" (ag) Grp. 1

The brilliant reds, yellows, coppers, and rose-pinks make bright any sunny parking, edging, or rockery. Light, sandy soil is best.

**Double Mixed.** Like roses. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Single Mixed.** Only 6 inches. **Pkt. 10c.**

## PRIMROSE, Primula

Indispensable is the first word that comes to mind when it turns to Primulas . . . for how drab would be the shade garden from January until June without these beautiful and winter-hardy flowers. Pot-gardeners, too, have come to depend upon the Primula Obconica for certain and continuous bloom in pots, in the home, in the greenhouse, in the lath-house, and just out-of-doors anywhere but in direct sun. All are about 1 foot high.

**MALACOIDES (Baby Primrose) (a) Grp. 4.** For masses of color, the following recent introductions seem hardly the same species as the old Light Lilac.

**Blood Red.** **Pkt. 25c.**

**Enchantress.** Salmon-rose. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Glory of Riverside.** Deep rose. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Lavender Glory.** Giant lavender. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Snowflake.** Giant pure white. **Pkt. 25c.**

**OBCONICA (Large-Flowered Primrose) (ba) Grp. 4.**

**Apple Blossom.** Light pink. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Avalanche.** Pure white. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Coerulea.** Sky-blue. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Fasbender Red.** Blood red. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Lachsrosa.** Salmon-rose. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Wyaston Wonder.** Largest red. **Pkt. 50c.**

**Grandiflora Mixed.** All shades. **Pkt. 50c.**

**VERIS POLYANTHUS (English-type Primroses) (p) Grp. 4.** For two months each spring, the shade-garden borders and edgings are enlivened with the intense yellows, reds, blue, and bronze combinations of Polyanthus.

**Grandiflora Mixed.** **Pkt. 50c.**

**Giant Bouquet.** Wonderful imported English strain, with the largest flowers and greatest range of colors. **Pkt. 75c.**

## PYRETHRUM

### Roseum (p) Grp. 4

Large double and single Daisies in the unusual shades of pink, rose, and crimson, on cutting stems above beautiful fern-like foliage.

**Single Mixed.** **Pkt. 25c.**

**Double Mixed (80% true).** **Pkt. 25c.**

## QUEEN ANNE'S LACE FLOWER

### (a) Grp. 1

The tiny white flowers are borne in large, compound umbels, lending a delightfully lacy effect to a mixed bouquet; 2½ feet. **Pkt. 10c.**



POLYANTHUS PRIMROSES

## RANUNCULUS and ANEMONES (pa)

The gay flowers of these winter-and-spring mainstays in the south and west are familiar to all who have grown them from their bulbs, but few realize that equal results may be obtained the first season from seed. Best results are obtained by sowing where they are to remain, in September-October, choosing a sunny, well-drained location, and treating the plot as you would a new lawn (raking-in ever so lightly, mulching with peat moss or steer manure, and never permitting the surface to become dried out or puddled), and allowing 30 days for germination.

**Anemone de Caen.** Poppy-like flowers of red, blue, lavender, and white. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Ranunculus, Giant French Hybrids.** Many shades of pink, rose, red, copper, yellow, and white. **Pkt. 25c.**

## RUDBECKIA

### "Cone Flower" (a) Grp. 3

**Starlight.** Large semi-double high-centered Daisies varying in color from pale yellow to mahogany red; to 3 feet. **Pkt. 15c.**



SALPIGLOSSIS, EMPEROR MIXED

## SALPIGLOSSIS

### Velvet Flower (a) Grp. 2

Combining as it does, delicate grace, richness of coloring, and velvety texture, the regal Salpiglossis has practically no equal. From a low base of leaves rise slender but wiry 30-inch stalks which bear large lily-like flowers in a magnificent range of colors.

**Gloxiniaflora Emperor Mixed.** Shades of rose, red, bronze, buff, and purple, many veined with gold. **Pkt. 10c.**

## SALVIA

### Scarlet Sage (pa) Grp. 2

Scarlet Sage is usually treated as an annual, the seed started indoors from January to March, and the plants set out for summer bedding when the weather becomes warm. In California and the South it is perennial.

**Splendens, Bonfire.** Fiery scarlet, 18-inch bushes. **Pkt. 15c.**

## SAPONARIA

### Vaccaria (a) Grp. 1

**Rosea.** Graceful sprays resembling Baby's Breath, but the flowers are much larger and rose-pink. **Pkt. 10c.**

## SCABIOSA, Pincushion Flower

Scabiosas are among the best of all long-stemmed flowers for cutting, and are lovely in the garden border as well. All are perennials, but the tall cutflower sorts are usually sown in the fall in a mild climate, and started indoors in mid-winter in a cold climate, and grown as annuals. (pa) Grp. 3.

**Blue Moon.** Tall mid-blue. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Rosette.** Tall rose-pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Salmon Beauty.** Pure salmon. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Giant Hybrids Mixed.** Including many new shades. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Caucasica, Isaac House Strain (p) Grp. 4.** Broad lavender-blue petals; 18-inch stems for cutting. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Columbaria.** Lavender-pink pompons; good border perennial; 18 inches high. **Pkt. 15c.**



SCABIOSA, GIANT HYBRIDS





RUST-RESISTANT SNAPDRAGONS

## SCARLET RUNNER BEAN

(ac) Grp. 2

Quick green shade, quantities of bright scarlet pea-flowers, and highly desirable green snap beans for cooking are all yours, with a little sunny fence-room, and a packet of these seeds. **Pkt. 15c.**

## SCHIZANTHUS

### "Poor Man's Orchid" (a) Grp. 3

The showy flowers, both shaped and marked like miniature orchids, are equally popular as spring and early summer low (15-inch) bedders, and as winter and spring pot plants under glass.

**Dr. Badger's Improved Giant Flowering Hybrids.** Brilliant range of colors from light pink to deep purple, through rose, but with no whites, each flower with a large golden blotch. **Pkt. 25c.**



SCHIZANTHUS, GRANDIFLORA MIXED

## SHASTA DAISY

**Chrysanthemum Maximum** (p)  
Grp. 4

**Alaska.** Extra large, long-stemmed bedding and cutting white Daisies. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Double and Anemone-Flowered. Mixed.** A wide variation in size and form of flower, but all white and beautiful. You may readily propagate those you prefer, by division. **Pkt. 35c.**

## SNAPDRAGON

**Antirrhinum** (ap) Grp. 3

Deservedly one of the most popular of all garden and cutting flowers, "Snaps" are actually perennial, but grown as annuals. However, this fact indicates that more time must be allowed for the development of good flowering plants, than is the case with most annuals, and extra bone meal and humus incorporated with the soil to which they are transplanted, to feed them during their long season of growth and bloom. **All varieties listed are Rust Resistant.**

**TALL OR MAXIMUM** (3 to 4 feet)

**Alaska.** Pure white. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Apple Blossom.** Rose-pink, white tube. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Campfire.** Luminous scarlet. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Cherry Rose.** NEW. See page 3. **Pkt. 25c.**

**Copper Queen.** Bronze copper. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Crimson.** Rich, dark red. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Paradise Rose.** Rich rose-pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Pink Sensation.** Soft pure pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Yellow Giant.** Clear yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Maximum Mixture.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**SUPER MAJESTIC** (2 feet)

**Dainty.** Soft pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Harmony.** Amber shaded rose. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Red Rocket.** Vivid scarlet. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Rose Sensation.** Rose-pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Sunset Glow.** Copper and gold. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Super Majestic Mixture.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**NEW TETRA MIXED.** Extra large, extra ruffled flowers, closely spaced on stocky, wind-resistant plants, about 2½ feet tall. The mixture contains not only all the familiar colors, but also many lovely combinations new to snapdragons. **Pkt. 25c.**



SHASTA DAISY, ALASKA



FORGET-ME-NOT



SWEET WILLIAM



STOCKS

## STOCKS (ba) Grp. 3

These popular flowers are so easily grown, so highly fragrant, and of such great beauty that they deserve a place in every garden. They are at their best in cool weather, and require several months' growth before blooming, so are best handled as winter flowers in California and Arizona; and started under glass, to set out early in spring elsewhere.

**BEAUTY OF NICE, Bedding Type Mixed.** Height 18 inches. **Pkt. 15c.**

**GIANT IMPERIAL (Improved Bismarck; Giants of California).** The outstanding strain for cutflowers and bedding, because of its long-stemmed, basal-branching habit; height 30 inches.

**Antique Copper.** Bronze-red. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Golden Gate.** Cream-yellow. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Chamois Rose.** Old rose. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Mojave.** Velvety purple. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Monterey.** Flesh pink. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Red Woods.** Blood red. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Santa Barbara.** Cream-pink. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Santa Maria.** Pure white. **Pkt. 20c.**

**Tahoe.** Clear lavender. **Pkt. 20c.**

**All Colors Mixed.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**BROMPTON.** Bushy, 15-inch plants, requiring a few weeks longer to commence flowering, but blooming in beds for months thereafter.

**Empress Elizabeth.** Bright true pink. **Pkt. 25c.**

**White Lady.** Pure white. **Pkt. 25c.**

**All-Colors Mixed.** **Pkt. 25c.**





HELICHRYSUM (Strawflower)

## STRAWFLOWERS

**HELICHRYSUM** (a) Grp. 2. The finest of all Everlastings, making unusually bright-colored winter bouquets if the flowers are cut when partially opened, and dried slowly in a dry place, heads downward to keep the long stems straight. Colors include yellow, orange, scarlet, crimson, rose, and white.

**Mixed.** Pkt. 10c.

**STATICE, "Sea Lavender".** Blue flowers in enormous loose heads, showy in the garden, and long-lasting when cut and dried.

**Perezi** (p) Grp. 4. Rich blue; good bedder. Pkt. 15c.

**Sinuata** (a) Grp. 2. Deep blue. Pkt. 10c.

## STRELITZIA

**"Bird of Paradise"** (p) Grp. 4

**Regina.** Stately, "modern" flowers which resemble birds about to take flight, their gay plumage deep blue and orange above clumps of 3-foot banana-like foliage. The large black seeds, each with a cap of bright orange fuzz, are beautiful in themselves, but require from 4 to 10 weeks to germinate; soak overnight first. First flowers will not develop for 6 to 8 years, but are worth waiting for. **Seeds, 2 for 25c.**



DOUBLE SUNFLOWER (Helianthus)

## STREPTOCARPUS (p) Grp. 5

A lovely, all-too-seldom-seen plant with beautiful foliage and large trumpet-shaped flowers of blue, lavender, pink, and white.

**Large-Flowering Hybrids Mixed.** Pkt. 50c.

## SUNFLOWERS

**Helianthus** (a) Grp. 2

**Sun Gold.** Enormous fully-double golden yellow flowers all summer; 4 to 5 feet. Pkt. 10c.

## SWAN RIVER DAISY

**Brachycome** (a) Grp. 1

Masses of small blue, pink, and blue-and-white Daisies to brighten any sunny corner, or low bed . . . and your room, for they keep well. Pkt. 10c.

## SWEET PEAS

**NEW CUTHBERTSON Spring and Summer Sweet Peas.** For sowing in Southern California from October until February, and elsewhere as soon as frost is over, this wonderful new strain is best. Characteristics are larger flowers, increased vigor, and decided resistance to hot, dry weather.

**Carol.** Rose-pink. Pkt. 15c.

**Lois.** Deep rose-pink. Pkt. 15c.

**Evelyn.** Creamy salmon. Pkt. 15c.

**Coline.** Scarlet-red. Pkt. 15c.

**Kenneth.** Rich crimson. Pkt. 15c.

**Hazel.** Light blue. Pkt. 15c.

**Tommy.** Medium blue. Pkt. 15c.

**Danny.** Navy blue. Pkt. 15c.

**Frank G.** Lavender. Pkt. 15c.

**Janet.** Pure white. Pkt. 15c.

**Cuthbertson Mixed** (containing these and other colors. **Oz. 60c** (sufficient for 25 feet of row); **1/2 oz. 35c;** **1/4 oz. 20c.**

**EARLY FLOWERING SPENCER Winter and Spring Sweet Peas.** For sowing outdoors in Southern California or under glass anywhere, from August until November, this is the only winter-flowering strain.

**Bridesmaid.** Silvery light pink. Pkt. 10c.

**Shirley Temple.** Light rose-pink. Pkt. 10c.

**Tops.** Giant rose-pink. Pkt. 10c.

**Daphne.** Light creamy salmon. Pkt. 10c.

**Chime.** Pure salmon-pink. Pkt. 10c.

**Boon.** Deep salmon (flame). Pkt. 10c.

**Treasure Island.** Salmon-orange. Pkt. 10c.

**Sparks.** Vivid scarlet. Pkt. 10c.

**American Beauty.** Rose-crimson. Pkt. 10c.

**Mars.** Rich deep red. Pkt. 10c.

**Othello.** Maroon. Pkt. 10c.

**Memory.** Clear lavender. Pkt. 10c.

**Triumph.** Deep lilac. Pkt. 10c.

**Eleanor Blue.** Light blue. Pkt. 10c.

**Mariner.** Clear deep blue. Pkt. 10c.

**Top Hat.** Deep purple-blue. Pkt. 10c.

**Oriental.** Deep cream. Pkt. 10c.

**Gardenia.** Pure white. Pkt. 10c.

**Better Gardens Formula Mixture of Early Spencers.** **Oz. 50c;** **1/2 oz. 30c;** **1/4 oz. 20c.**



SWEET PEAS

## SWEET SULTAN

**Centaurea** (a) Grp. 3

These beautiful long-stemmed flowers, with their soft, fluffy heads, resembling giant thistles, make enchanting bouquets. Height about 3 feet. Colors include lavender, rose, purple, and white.

**Mixed.** Pkt. 10c.

## SWEET WILLIAM

**Dianthus Barbatus** (b) Grp. 4

A lovely, free-flowering hardy biennial, producing a splendid effect in beds and borders with the rich and vari-colored flower-heads; height 18 inches.

**Newport Pink.** Pkt. 15c.

**Single Mixed.** Pkt. 15c.



SWAN RIVER DAISY (Brachycome)





VERBENA, ROYALE

## THUNBERGIA

### "Black Eyed Susan" (ac) Grp. 2

Vigorous trailer and climber for full sun, with large yellow and orange flowers, each marked with a black eye.

**Alata Mixed.** Pkt. 10c.

## TITHONIA

### "Mexican Sunflower" (a) Grp. 2

The large glossy-petaled flowers of Tithonia resemble vivid orange single Dahlias, and are effective in bouquets as well as a striking background in the fall garden. The plants grow rapidly to form 6-foot shrubs.

**Fireball.** Orange-scarlet. Pkt. 15c.



TITHONIA (Mexican Sunflower)

## TORENIA

### "Wishbone Flower" (a) Grp. 2

This lovely little 1-foot bedding plant for sun or partial shade should be in every summer garden. The two-toned blue flowers give the effect of Violas at a distance, but are distinctively-shaped, "and reveal a golden throat. Pkt. 15c.

## VERBENA (pa) Grp. 2

Verbena colors are so bright and effective, they are so easily grown in any sunny soil, and the flowering season so long—almost the year-around in Southern California, where they are treated as perennials—that their great popularity among gardeners is easily understood.

BETTER GARDENS offers only the improved large-flowered Grandiflora varieties.

**Giant Salmon Pink.** Pkt. 15c.

**Lavender Glory.** Best lavender, but variable. Pkt. 15c.

**Luminosa.** Luminous flame-pink. Pkt. 15c.

**Royale.** Royal blue, cream eye. Pkt. 15c.

**Spectrum Red.** Vivid scarlet. Pkt. 15c.

**Grandiflora Mixed.** Pkt. 15c.

**New Bush-Type.** See Novelties, page 3.

## VINCA Rosea

### "Periwinkle" (pa) Grp. 2

Large rose-pink and white flowers and glossy green foliage combine to make Vinca a distinctively beautiful bedding plant, for half-shade as well as sun; about 1 foot high.

**Mixed.** Pkt. 15c.

## VIOLA

### Tufted Pansies (ba) Grp. 4

Although their flowers are smaller than Pansies and their habit and growth identical, they flower more freely and are superior for solid-color bedding, and edgings.

**Arkwright Ruby.** Dark red. Pkt. 25c.

**Blue Perfection.** Medium blue. Pkt. 15c.

**Chantreyland.** Pure apricot. Pkt. 25c.

**Firmament.** Sky blue. Pkt. 25c.

**Lutea Splendens.** Yellow. Pkt. 15c.

**White Perfection.** Pkt. 15c.

**Better Gardens Formula Mixture.** A blend of many colors, including bicolors. Pkt. 15c.



ZINNIA, LILLIPUT



VIRGINIAN STOCKS

## VIRGINIAN STOCK (ag) Grp. 1

Quick and easy to sow; sure to grow and sure to please . . . these characteristics have brought Virginia Stocks to the head of the list of winter and spring ground-covers and edgings. Bright rose, lavender, and white rather small single flowers cover the 6-inch plants for months.

**Mixed.** Oz. \$1.00; Pkt. 10c.

## VISCARIA (a) Grp. 1

Lovely pink and light blue flowers, resembling Flax, for low beds, edgings, and small bouquets.

**Mixed.** Pkt. 15c.

## WALLFLOWER Grp. 4

**English Wallflower (pa).** Sweetly fragrant yellow, brown, and red flowers resembling single Stocks, and grown much like them. In mild climates plant in fall for early spring bloom; where the winters are severe they should be carried over in a frame and set out early in the spring. **Mixed.** Pkt. 15c.

**Siberian Wallflower (Cheiranthus Al-lioni) (ba).** This unusual little plant deserves a place in your rock garden or low border. Upright spikes bear numerous four-petaled flowers of dazzling orange, the first season from seed if sown early, and continuously all summer. Pkt. 15c.



FORMULA MIXED VIOLAS



## WILD FLOWERS California Natives

The California wild flowers which carpet with color the valleys and hills of the Golden State every spring, are largely hardy annuals which are perfectly designed by nature for easy and sure bloom **anywhere**. These cheery flowers will grow in any unused corner of your garden, or on that nearby vacant lot, whether you live in Arizona or Maine.

As in nature, their best bloom is possible when seeds are broadcast in the fall, just before the winter rains in California. However, seed may be sown at any time through the winter and early spring in California, and as soon as the soil may be worked in the spring in the colder sections of the United States.

**Better Gardens Mixture** of the best 20 California Wild Flower species. The plants will commence their bloom in early spring, with a succession of color changes until mid-summer. Broadcast at the rate of 1 ounce of seed to each 200 square feet of open ground, first spading and finely raking the surface. For larger areas, plow and harrow the ground, and sow at least 1 pound per 5000 square feet; 6 to 8 pounds per acre. **Pkt. 10c; Jumbo pkt. 25c; oz. 70c; ¼ lb. \$2.00; ½ lb. \$3.75; lb. \$7.00.**

**Separate California Wild Flowers.** See the following varieties, alphabetically listed in this catalog: Baby Blue Eyes, California Poppy, Clarkia, Collinsia, Gilia, Godetia, Lupin, Phacelia.

**Blazing Star (Mentzelia Lindleyi).** Beautiful large flowers, with deep golden-yellow silken petals, and a center mass of golden stamens. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Cream Cups (Platystemon Californicus).** Charming little creamy-white flowers closely resembling Shirley Poppies, to which they are related. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Tidy Tips (Layia platyglossa).** Large deep yellow daisies, each petal neatly tipped with white. **Pkt. 15c.**



SIBERIAN WALLFLOWER



ZINNIA FANTASY

### ZINNIA (a) Grp. 2

Few flowers are better known, or more used and beloved, than the many lovely summer-flowering forms that have been developed in the past 30 years from the lowly Mexican wildflower, the Zinnia. Give them plenty of sun, plenty of room, and plenty of water (a weekly deep irrigation, not a daily sprinkle) and you will be rewarded in any soil.

**DAHLIA-FLOWERED TYPE.** The enormous double flowers usually have slightly hollowed centers ringed with small tubular florets, and are produced on robust 2½- to 3-foot plants.

**Canary Bird.** Clear yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Crimson Monarch.** Deep red. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Dream.** Best lavender. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Exquisite.** Light rose with deeper center. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Golden Gate.** Yellow-orange. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Illumination.** Deep rose self. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Luminosa.** Vivid pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Meteor.** Darkest red. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Oriole.** Orange and gold. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Polar Bear.** White. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Royal Purple.** Rich purple. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Will Rogers.** Scarlet red. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Gold Medal Mixed.** (Grown as separate colors.) **Pkt. 15c.**

**Super Crown of Gold, Pastel Tints.** Large Dahlia-flowered type in pastel shades, each petal overlaid at the base with deep golden yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**



ZINNIA, DAHLIA FLOWERED



ZINNIA, CUT AND COME, MIXED

**CALIFORNIA GIANTS.** Taller (3 to 4 feet) than the Dahlia-flowered type, with longer stems and equally as large, but somewhat flatter flowers.

**Apricot Queen.** Salmon-orange. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Daffodil.** Clear yellow. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Enchantress.** Light rose, deeper center. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Grenadier.** Cherry-red. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Lavender Queen.** Rosy-lavender. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Miss Willmott.** Flesh pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Orange King.** Dark orange. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Purity.** Best large white. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Rose Queen.** Vivid pink. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Salmon Queen.** Deep salmon. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Finest Mixed.** From named varieties. **Pkt. 15c.**

**FANTASY type.** Medium-sized, informal type, with beautiful twisted petals.

**All Colors Mixed.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**CUT AND COME AGAIN Type.** Medium-sized flowers freely produced for cutting and bedding on 2-foot plants.

**Salmon Rose.** **Pkt. 10c.**

**Spun Gold.** Pale yellow. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Snowball.** White. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Sunshine Tints Pastel Mixture.** **Pkt. 15c.**

**Cut-and-Come Mixed.** **Pkt. 10c.**

**DOUBLE LILLIPUT (Pompon Type).** The flowers are small, but fully double, on strong-stemmed 18-inch plants.

**Canary Gem.** Yellow. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Dainty Gem.** Bicolor rose. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Golden Gem.** Golden orange. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Salmon Gem.** Salmon rose. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Scarlet Gem.** Best red. **Pkt. 10c.**

**White Gem.** Best white. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Pastel Mixture.** Lovely. **Pkt. 15c.**

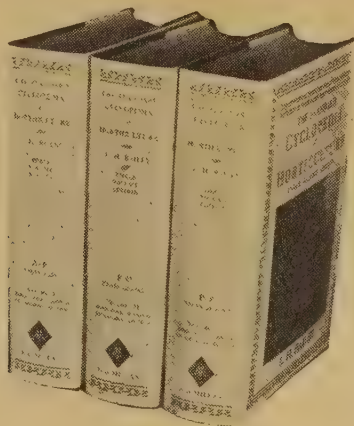
**All Colors Mixed.** **Pkt. 10c.**

**MEXICAN ZINNIA (Z. Haageana).** The two-toned Zinnia . . . many bright combinations of yellow, red, bronze, orange, and white. Although the plants are low and compact, the stems are long enough for cutting. **Pkt. 10c.**

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- \***Pax**. Formal Double. Snow white sport of Laurel Leaf, with long, overlapping petals; beautiful narrow dark green foliage. M-L. 1-gal. \$3.50; 5-gal. \$10.00. **LS.**
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- \*\***Pride of Descanso**. Semi-double to loose Peony Form. Extremely large

**PRICES** of Camellia varieties vary widely according to their scarcity (as in new introductions or those difficult to propagate), and according to both the size of the container and the age and size of the plant itself. Some very scarce, or very slow-growing varieties are best obtained only as grafted plants on well-established understock. Since BETTER GARDENS specializes in New and Rare Camellias, many of these are available only as strong grafted plants, and are marked with a capital G after the price in each case. "Asterisks" have been reserved for those varieties which, in our opinion, are the finest in their color class and type . . . one asterisk (\*) for the best of the older varieties, two asterisks (\*\*) for the best of the recent introductions or scarce collector's items. Larger-sized and specimen plants are available in many of the varieties and indicated by the capitals LS.

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**PLANTING** may be done at any time; ideally when Camellias are in bud or bloom. Filtered sunshine of trees or lath house is preferable to either full shade or full sun; on the north side growth will be slower, bloom less profuse than on the east side. Good drainage is essential; in heavy soils provide for it. (A perfect solution is to grow in pots or tubs, which also permits more effective displays.) Leaf mold and/or peat moss provide natural woodland fibrous material Camellia's surface rooting system prefers, and add desirable acidity.

**CARE** is simple. Camellias must be kept well-watered at all times, and particularly so during the dry-air days of late summer and fall, when syringing the foliage is also beneficial. Fertilize only during the growing season (April to August), using cottonseed meal and/or commercial acid food.

**BLOOMING SEASON** of early and late varieties is reasonably definite. Mid-season varieties may begin flowering earlier or later than usual, however, depending upon weather and light conditions. The letters E, M, and L are used throughout this list to indicate the ap-

proximate blooming times for each variety.

**FLOWER FORMATION**, as indicated throughout this list, is according to the classification of the Southern California Camellia Society (ask us about it).

- I Single, one row of not over eight petals, as in Amabilis.
- II Semi-Double, two or more rows of petals, conspicuous stamens, as in Finlandia.
- III Anemone Form, a flat flower with one or more rows of larger outer petals, the center a mass of small petals and stamens, as in Chandleri Elegans.
- IV Peony Form, a deep rounded flower with several rows of outer petals, the center a convex mass of smaller twisted petals and stamens, as in Daikagura and Prof. Sargent.
- V Rose Form, overlapping petals open slowly from a tight center, finally showing stamens in a concave center when fully open, as in Mathotiana (Julia Drayton).
- VI Formal Double, many rows of overlapping petals, never showing stamens, as in Alba Plena.

**NOMENCLATURE** is according to the authoritative new 68-page book, "The Camellia, Its Culture and Nomenclature", published by the Southern California Camellia Society in November, 1947. Copies obtainable from BETTER GARDENS at \$1.00, postpaid."

white, just introduced; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. G \$10.00.

**Purity**. Rose Form. Pure white Formal, until fully opened flower discloses some stamens; tall, open growth. M-L. 1-gal. \$1.75; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Triphosa**. Semi-double. Large pure white flaring flower; slow spreading habit. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. G \$6.50.

**White Crane**. See Haku-Tsuru.

\***Yohei Haku** (Albatross; September Morn). Formal Double to Peony Form. Creamy white deepening to delicate pink in the aging flower; extra early; spreading growth. E. 1-gal. G \$8.50.

### LIGHT PINK

**Ake-Bono** (Chiffon). Semi-Double. Soft salmon pink, large rounded petals stand apart to give a distinctive, cupped appearance; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$1.75.

\*\***Berenice Boddy** (Pat.). Semi-Double. Medium-large, delicate pink with deeper pink under-petals; a lovely

new introduction; free-flowering; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. G \$10.00; 5-gal. \$12.50.

**Daybreak**. Peony Form. Clear soft pink, resembling Debutante but much later to bloom; bushy and vigorous. L. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

\***Debutante**. Peony Form. Large light pink, universal favorite, ideal for corsages; tall, vigorous, but compact. E-M. 1-gal. G \$5.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50. **LS.**

\*\***Eleanor Hagood**. Rose Form. Delicate pink formal double opening to stamens; vigorous and upright. L. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.

\*\***High Hat**. Peony Form. Breath-taking new blush-pink sport of Daikagura; very large, loose-petaled flowers through fall and early winter. E-M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

**Lady Hume's Blush**. Formal Double. Medium-sized white blushed pink; mature plants flower freely; slow, loose spreading growth. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.



## CAMELLIAS—Continued

**Magnoliaeflora.** Semi-Double. Medium-large, loose-petaled shell pink, with a cupped appearance; compact and upright. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Martha Brice.** Semi-double to loose Peony Form. Large, light lavender-pink; vigorous, spreading growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

**My Darling.** Single. Medium-sized bluish pink, petals edged bright pink; vigorous, upright growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Otome Pink.** Formal Double. Light pink paling to white at the notched edges of the large, round petals; slow and compact. M-L. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Pink Ball.** Peony Form. Soft silvery pink; high-centered, good cutflower; vigorous, compact, upright growth. E-M. 1-gal. \$3.00.

**Pink Perfection.** Formal Double. Small but well-formed shell pink flowers; the only variety in this list that is subject to frequent bud-drop (check drainage, be sure plants are well watered through late summer and fall, and never plant in full shade). E-L. 1-gal. \$1.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Rev. John Bennett.** Semi-Double. Very large salmon pink; medium-slow, spreading growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$7.00.

## ROSE AND BRIGHT PINK

**Adah Pearl.** Semi-Double. Large, bright pink with golden stamens; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.00; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Anne Galli.** See Pink Bleichroeder.

**Bessie McArthur.** Semi-Double. Large, clear, bright pink, with three rows of large petals and a few small center petals mixed with the golden stamens. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Christine Lee.** Semi-Double. Large (4½-inch), bright pink flowers with prominent stamens; exceedingly heavy bloomer. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Enrico Bettoni.** Semi-Double. Large, loose-petaled, silvery rose-pink; very vigorous, upright growth, and stands full sun. M. 1-gal. \$1.75; 5-gal. \$4.75.

\***Francine.** Anemone Form. Huge clear

rose-pink form of the popular Chandleri Elegans (see under Variegated), and otherwise identical. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

\*\***Gen. George Patton.** Rose Form. Large, glowing pink seedling of Purity; profuse bloomer; vigorous, upright open growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$12.50.

**Grandiflora Rosea.** See Lady Clare.

**Kumasaka.** Rose Form. Large rose-pink fluffy outer petals and variable number of smaller inner petals and stamens; extremely beautiful and prolific bloomer. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.50.

\***Lady Clare** (Grandiflora Rosea; Empress). Semi-Double. Very large rose-pink with prominent stamens; free-flowering; vigorous, bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50.

**Lady Mary Cromartie.** Semi-Double. Very large, deep rose pink, with unusually prominent stamens mingled with the ruffled center petals; slow, sturdy growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Marquis de Montcalm.** Semi-Double of pine cone formation. Large rose-pink with narrow petals and center of petaloids; vigorous upright growth. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Mme. Hahn.** Semi-Double. Large, bright pink; vigorous upright growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

**Marchioness of Exeter.** Peony Form. Large, full, rich pink with notched petals; loose, widespreading growth. E-M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Mathotiana Rosea** (Pink Beauty). Formal Double. Large, clear pink petals; large foliage; compact upright growth. L. 1-gal. \$2.50.

**Monarch.** Peony Form. Very large, ball-like deep rose-pink, occasionally marked with white. M-L. 1-gal. G \$4.00; 5-gal. \$5.50.

\*\***Mrs. Freeman Weiss.** Semi-Double. Very new. Large clear pink with wavy petals and petaloids mixed with the stamens; vigorous but compact growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

**Pink Beauty.** See Mathotiana Rosea.

**Pink Bleichroeder** (Anne Galli). Rose Form. Medium large, soft pink sport of Baronne de Bleichroeder; slow, compact growth. M.

**Pink Herme** (Wings). Semi-Double. Medium large, irregular, deep rose

pink sport of Herme (Jordan's Pride) with same fragrance and tall, vigorous growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.00.

\*\***Reticulata.** Distinct species. Huge Semi-Double (to 7 inches) with luminous dark rose fluffy petals; strong grower and extremely long-lived. M. 1-gal. G \$12.50; 5-gal. G \$20.00.

\***Rose Dawn.** Formal Double. Large, clear rose pink; one of the finest new Camellias; free-flowering and vigorous. M. 1-gal. G \$7.00; 5-gal. G \$9.50.

## ROSE-RED AND SCARLET

\*\***Adolphe Audusson.** Semi-Double. Very large, vivid scarlet with contrasting white-and-gold stamens; compact plants. M-L. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.00.

\***Arajishi** (Aloha). Peony Form. Medium large, deep rose-red balls; vigorous, spreading habit. The earliest of all. E. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50. LS.

**Black Prince.** Semi-Double. Very dark black-red with red stamens; vigorous, upright growth. L. 1-gal. \$1.75.

\***Blood of China.** Peony Form. Large, deep velvety scarlet, with loose wavy petals about a small golden center. M-L. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$7.50.

**California.** Semi-Double. Large, loose, light rose-red with broad, thick petals; very large dark green foliage; medium bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$3.00.

\***C. M. Hovey** (Col. Firey). Formal Double. Well established under its apt but erroneous name as the favorite large double deep red; flat, many-petaled blooms. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$7.50.

**Covina.** Semi-Double. Medium-sized, rose-red blooms cover the compact bushes for weeks; stands sun. M-L. 1-gal. \$1.50; 5-gal. \$4.75.

**Dr. Shepherd** (Te Deum; Firegold). Semi-Double. Very large (to 7 inches), brilliant scarlet blooms, varying even on the same plant from singles with showy stamens to full doubles without stamens; vigorous, spreading. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. \$8.50.



CAMELLIA, PURITY

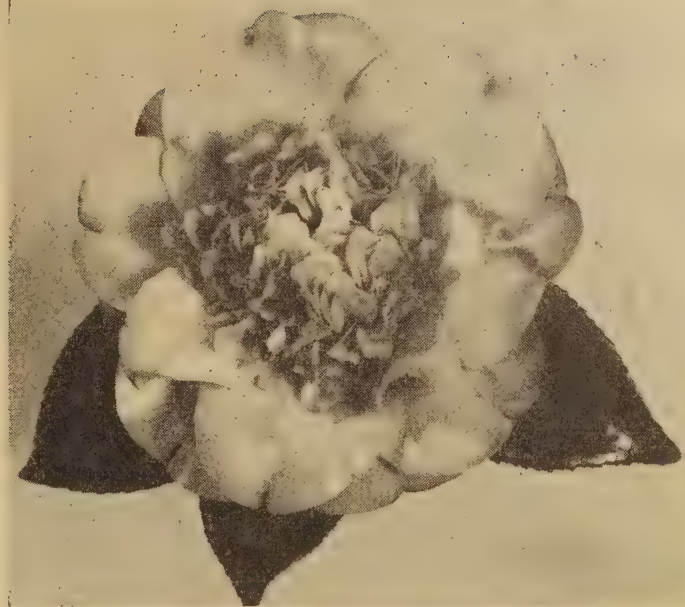


CAMELLIA, C. M. HOVEY





CAMELLIA, EMPEROR OF RUSSIA



CAMELLIA, CHANDLERI ELEGANS

### CAMELLIAS—Continued

- \***Duncan Bell** (Mena Ladiner). Anemone Form. Brilliant blood red, 5 to 6 inches across, the mass of small petals in the center the same color. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$9.50.
- Elena Nobile**. Semi-Double. Medium-large orange-red with overlapping petals set off by the golden stamens; slow, upright. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.00; 5-gal. \$5.50.
- Ella Drayton**. Formal Double. Large, cherry-red petals; tall and upright but compact. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$4.75.
- Emperor of Russia**. Peony Form. Large, vivid-red, thick petals loosely arranged about 3 or 4 stamen-clusters, give the effect of several flowers in one; slow and compact. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.00.
- Fimbriata Superba**. See Fred Sander.
- \***Flame**. Single. Large, striking, bright, deep red flowers on compact, upright plants. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.
- \*\***Fred Sander** (Fimbriata Superba). Semi-Double. Large, unique crimson, with curled petals more or less fringed. M-L. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.
- \*\***Gen. Dwight Eisenhower**. Full Peony Form. Large, bright red; vigorous, upright, compact growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.
- \*\***Glen 40**. Formal Double. Large, dark red with broad overlapping petals; growth slow and compact. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.
- Julia Drayton**. See Mathotiana.
- \***Lady Vansittart**. Semi-Double. Large, rose-red petals stand apart gracefully to give depth and character; free-flowering; slow, bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.50.
- Marian Mitchell**. Semi-Double. Very large scarlet-red with petaloids mixed with the stamens; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$7.50.
- \***Mathotiana** (Julia Drayton). Rose Form. Huge, deep rose-red petals slowly unfold and change to a purple-red as the stunning flower matures; vigorous and compact. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50. LS.
- \*\***Mrs. Charles Cobb**. Semi-Double. Loose peony-like dark bronze-red with intermixed golden stamens; dark green

foliage; slow and spreading. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$9.50.

- \***Pope Pius IX**. Formal Double. Large, scarlet blooms, freely produced, and long-lasting as a cut flower; open, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Prof. C. S. Sargent**. Peony Form. Medium large, rich, dark red, with tight center of thick petals; vigorous, upright. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Paul W. Jannoch III**. Formal Double. New dark red, highly desirable for type, color, and freedom of bloom, and also for rich dark green foliage and compact growth. Pasadena introduction. M. 1-gal. \$2.50.

**Rainy Sun**. Semi-Double. Very large, loose-petaled deep rose; vigorous, upright growth. E-M. 1-gal. \$1.75.

**Sergeant Barrios**. Semi-Double. Very large rose-red; compact, upright growth. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Red Tricolor Sieboldi** (Robin Hood; Red Wakanoura). Semi-Double. Cherry-red with deeper streaks, open-cupped blooms freely produced; vigorous, upright. M. 1-gal. \$1.75.

**Rose Queen**. Formal Double. Large, rose-red blooms, freely produced; vigorous bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

- \*\***Robert E. Lee**. Irregular Semi-Double. Large, very dark red, with red stamens; vigorous, compact growth. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

\*\***Senator Duncan Fletcher**. Peony Form. New, large, deep rose-red; compact, symmetrical growth. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$12.50.

**Te Deum**. See Dr. Shepherd.

- \***Vedrine** (Ruby Glow). Semi-Double Peony. Large, rich, deep red, arrestingly beautiful blooms freely produced; stands sun. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$7.50.

\***Victory**. Valuable Semi-Double. Large, rose-red blooms, usually disclosing showy stamens, vigorous, upright growth. Pasadena introduction. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50.

- \*\***Ville de Nantes**. Semi-Double. New, large, bright red with wavy fimbriated petals; a sensation at shows; vigorous, compact growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

### VARIEGATED

- \*\***Adolphe Audusson Variegated**. Semi-double. Very large, vivid red, the white blotches in bold and beautiful contrast. M-L. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.00.

**Argentinita**. Semi-Double. Fluffy soft pink, streaked and flecked rose; free blooming; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.75.

**Aurora Borealis**. See Finlandia Variegated.

**Bella Romana**. Rose Form. Medium-large pink, striped and splashed crimson; bushy habit. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50. LS.

- \*\***Captain John Sutter**. Formal Double. Large rose pink, blotched with white; new and fine; loose, upright growth. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.

**Captain Martin's Favorite**. Formal Double. White and rose-red; a favorite with more than Captain Martin; slow and compact. E-M. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.

- \***Chandleri Elegans**. Anemone Form. Huge pink and white petals, with center of numerous small petals and stamens; one of the largest and most popular Camellias; slow, bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50. LS.

\***Cleopatra** (M.A.). Peony Form. Large, full white and pink; vigorous, upright growth. M-L. 1-gal. \$2.50.

\***Coletti-maculata**. Semi-Double Peony. Medium carmine, boldly marked with white; slow, spreading growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50.

- \***Daikagura**. Peony Form. Large, deep rose, variable flowers, more or less blotched with white; slow, spreading. Very early, but blooms for months. Daikagura should be the first Camellia planted in every new garden. E. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$7.50.

\***Donckelari**. Semi-double. Very large crimson red, marbled with white; an old but beautiful variety, still very scarce; slow. M. Strains: True English, very distinct markings. 1-gal. G \$7.50. Tea Garden, more white variegation. 1-gal. G \$5.50.



## CAMELLIA—Concluded

**\*\*Eleanor of Fair Oaks** (Vedrine Variegated). Semi-Double. Very large, very deep red, strikingly marbled with white; free-flowering; slow, open habit of growth. E-M. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50. LS.

**Emperor Wilhelm.** See under Gigantea.

**\*\*Eugene Lizze** (Lady Jane Grey). Semi-Double to Peony Form. Light rose, marbled and splashed white; slow, compact growth. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50.

**Fanny Bolis.** See Gloire de Nantes Variegated.

**Feasti.** Formal Double. Large white, dashed with pink; one of the first American varieties, a seedling raised by Samuel Feast in Baltimore, first described in 1841; tall grower. M. 1-gal. \$2.00; 5-gal. \$4.75.

**\*Finlandia Variegated** (Aurora Borealis). Semi-Double. Large white with crimson streaks and swirled center petals; upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Gloire de Nantes Variegated** (Fanny Bolis). Semi-Double. Medium large, rose-red, blotched white; thick petals; vigorous, bushy growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50.

## KURUME AZALEAS

The popular type for massed-color bedding, since the characteristically medium-sized single or semi-double blooms tend to open over the entire plant at once, affording a breath-taking sight. The blooming season is shorter for this reason, than that of the Hybrid Indicas, but more definite and dependable. Plant habit is generally open, but bushy, and semi-dwarf.

**Bridesmaid.** Salmon-pink.

**Cherry Ripe.** Profuse cherry-red.

**Coral Bells.** Profuse shell pink.

**Hexe.** Crimson-red.

**Mme. Pericot.** Large, profuse, light pink.

**Orange Coral Bells.** Orange.

**Seraphim.** Double flesh pink.

**Snowdrift.** Pure white.

**Watermelon Seraphim.** Watermelon pink.

**\*Gigantea** (Emperor Wilhelm). Semi-double. Huge, rich red and white, quite variable as to form (single, semi-double, and anemone-form on the same plant), and amount of variegations; a magnificent Camellia with huge leaves and rangy growth. M. 1-gal. \$3.50; 1-gal. G \$5.50; 5-gal. G \$10.50. LS.

**Gov. Mouton.** Semi-Double, Peony. Large, Oriental red occasionally splotted white; vigorous growth. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**\*Herme** (Jordan's Pride). Semi-Double. Large, light pink petals, bordered white, with occasional rose stripe; fragrant; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Lady Vansittart Variegated.** Semi-Double. Large rose and white, with open-spread petals; beautiful holly-like foliage; slow and bushy. M. 1-gal. \$3.00.

**La Reine Variegated.** Semi-Double. Very large waved rose-red petals blotched white, with showy golden stamens intermixed with the center petals; one of the finest Camellias. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50; 5-gal. G \$9.50.

**\*Lallarook** (Laurel Leaf; Il Tramonto). Formal Double. Large salmon pink, veined deeper, with white markings; incurved petals; long, pointed light green foliage like Laurel. M-L. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**\*\*Lindsay Neill.** Semi-Double Peony. Large, dark red, flecked and blotched white; slow, spreading growth. E-M. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$12.50.

**\*\*Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.** Semi-Double. Very large new rose red, beautifully

marked with white; slow and compact. M. 1-gal. G \$7.50; 5-gal. G \$15.00.

**\*Mallot Variegated** (Princess Bachachie). Single to Semi-Double. Large, soft pink, marbled white and rose; low, spreading habit. M. 1-gal. G \$6.50.

**Monjisu** (California Donckelari Variegated). Rose Form. Medium-sized, the wavy cherry red petals spotted white, with prominent stamens soon revealed; exceedingly free-flowering; slow and compact. M. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$5.00.

**\*Mrs. Eleanor McCown.** Peony Form. Large, white, flecked and striped with rose-red; stamens mingle with the many center petals; vigorous, upright growth. Pasadena introduction. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$6.50.

**Olive Lee.** Semi-Double. Large, high-centered white with an occasional red petal or red blotches; free-flowering; vigorous, upright growth. M. 1-gal. \$3.00; 5-gal. \$5.50.

**Paeoniaeflora.** Peony Form. Large, shaggy cream, lined and dashed rose-red; slow, compact growth. M-E. 1-gal. \$2.50; 5-gal. \$6.00.

**T. K. Variegated.** Semi-Double. Medium large white, striped pink and rose (quite variable, with frequent solid pink flowers); vigorous, tall growth. M. 1-gal. \$2.50.

**Tricolor Sieboldi** (Wakanoura Variegated). Semi-Double. Medium large, slightly cupped, white, boldly streaked carmine; free-flowering, vigorous, and upright. M. 1-gal. \$2.00; 5-gal. \$5.00.

## Better Azaleas...

The many species of Azaleas have been so popular as shade-garden and pot-plant subjects for so long in Japan, portions of Europe, and in the Southern United States, that innumerable hybrids and named varieties have been developed, making it difficult to properly group those sorts which are considered best today. However, the following two major classes will aid the garden-lover in making his selection.

## HYBRID INDICA AZALEAS

Characteristically large flowers, usually loosely double, the petals more or less waved and frilled. Growth is vigorous but compact, although the plants will attain large size (up to 10 feet) with time. The blooming period extends over most of the year, although it is heaviest in early spring. These have always been the most popular Azaleas for pot plants, and are greatly increasing in popularity as garden subjects as their long, if erratic, blooming season has been realized.

Prices of all BETTER GARDEN Azaleas for 1948:

5-inch pot specimen, \$1.25; 6-inch pot specimen, \$2.25

Larger sizes available. Azaleas shipped express collect.

Please add 10% of order for packing (minimum 50c).

**Albert and Elizabeth.** Double white with salmon-rose edge.

**Avenir.** Semi-Double, coral red.

**Blushing Bride.** Clear shell pink.

**Brilliant.** Large Double orange.

**Coral Vervaeana.** Double clear coral-pink.

**Eclaireur.** Double rich crimson.

**Eleanor McCown.** Semi-Double orchid-pink.

**Eric Schame.** Double salmon-pink, marked white.

**J. Herrans.** Double American Beauty.

**Jane Peters.** Double rose-red.

**Louis Van Houtte.** Semi-Double fringed deep rose.

**Mme. Camille Van Langenham.** Double dotted rose.

**Mme. Chas. Vuylsteke.** Double brick red.

**Mme. Moreau.** Fringed pink and white.

**Mme. Petrick.** Double bright rose-pink.

**Orange Jean Herrans.** Double orange.

**Paul Schame.** Double, clear, deep coral.

**Pink Pearl.** Double shell pink.

**Prof. Walters.** Single, fringed rose and white.

**Prof. Walters Sport.** Single, fringed rose.

**Rose Queen.** Deep rose-pink.

**Triumph.** Double carmine red.

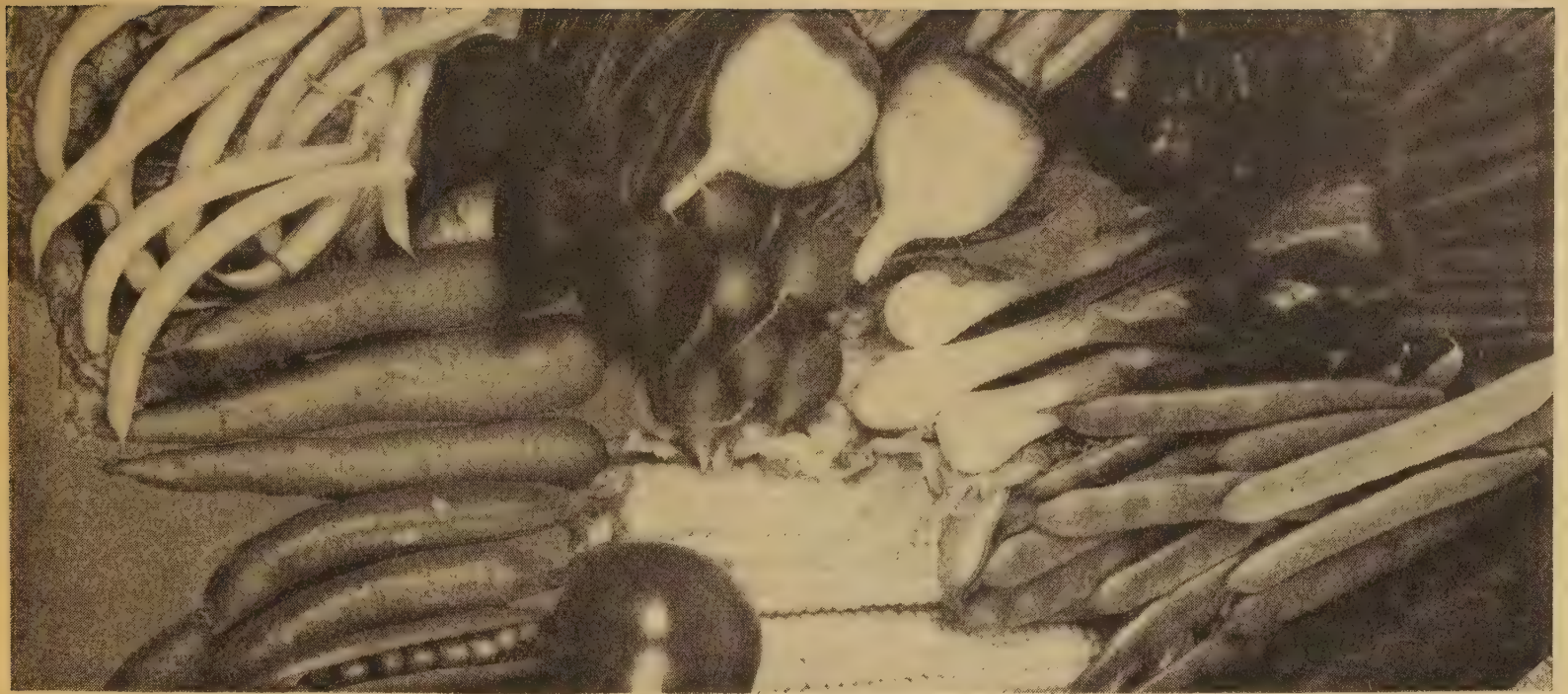
**Vervaeana.** Double salmon-rose, edged white.

**Vervaeana Alba.** Best Double white.



AZALEA, PAUL SCHAME





## Better VEGETABLE Seeds

Much of the food problem of the world might be solved in the Home Gardens of America. BETTER GARDENS help solve your own vegetable garden problem by stocking only the most productive varieties, of highest table quality . . . supplied in our own packets from fresh bulk seeds.

### BEANS

Bush, 1 lb. to 100 ft. Sow March to Aug.

Pkt. 10c; 1/2-lb. 25c; lb. 45c

**Stringless Golden Wax.** Fleshy, fine-flavored pods.

**Tenderlong.** New, vigorous; deep green, round pods, entirely stringless, and of highest quality.

**Canadian Wonder.** Best cool-weather green snap-bean; sow Sept.-Oct., or Feb.-March.

**Broad Windsor** (Italian Faba, or Horse Bean). Large, flat beans cooked like Limas.

**Bush Lima, Fordhook No. 242.** Best Lima for So. Calif.; yields under high temperature conditions.

Pole, 1/2-lb. to 100 ft. Sow March to July  
Pkt. 10c; 1/2-lb. 25c; lb. 45c

**Kentucky Wonder Rust-Resistant.** Popular green-pod pole.

**Potomac.** New, vigorous, and exceedingly deep green round pods, entirely stringless, and of exceptional flavor.

**Kentucky Wonder Wax.** Best yellow-pod pole bean.

**Pole Lima, Challenger** (Fordhook Pole). Vigorous, hardy, productive.

### BEETS

Sow all year. 1 oz. per 100 ft. row.

**Asgrow Wonder.** Early; round, deep red, smooth roots of highest quality; best beet for "top-greens". Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

**Detroit Dark Red.** Most popular market beet; dark red, sweet and tender. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

### BROCCOLI

Sow July to October

**Italian Green Sprouting.** Best sown in flats, and set out 18 inches apart. The dark green buds may be cut, in 5-inch sprouts, for 2 to 3 months. Pkt. 10c.

### CABBAGE

Sow May to October

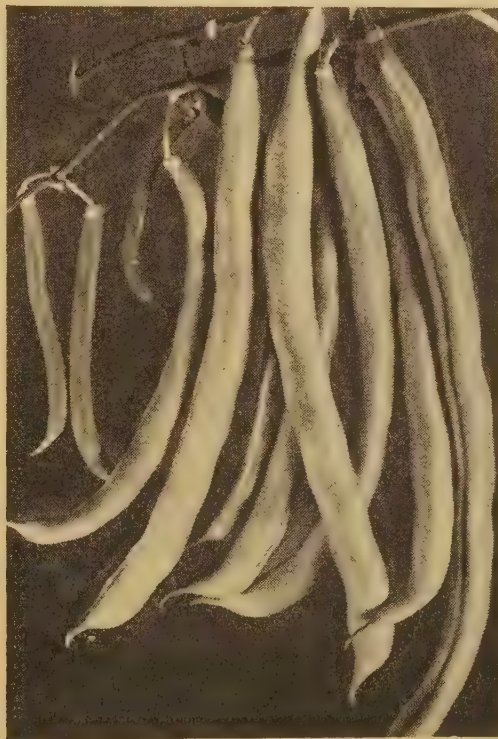
**Copenhagen Market.** Early, medium-large, round and solid. Pkt. 10c.

**Mammoth Red Rock.** Large, purplish-red; good keeper. Pkt. 10c.

**Chinese Cabbage, Chihli** (Celery Cabbage). Sweet and tender, tapering 3-inch heads which blanch well. Pkt. 15c.



BEET, DETROIT DARK RED



POLE BEAN, POTOMAC



BROCCOLI





CARROT, IMPERATOR

## CARROTS

Sow all year, 1/2-oz. to 50-ft. row

**All Varieties.** Pkt. 10c; 1/4-oz. 20c; oz. 50c

**Imperator.** Long, smooth, high quality; needs deep, rich, light soil.

**Chantenay, Red-Cored.** Medium-long, thick and sweet; stands heavy soil.

**Danvers Half-Long.** Popular home and market sort.

**Early French Forcing.** Early, short and round.

## CHIVES

Sow Sept. to April.

**"Grass Onion".** Fine onion-flavored leaves for salads and soups. Pkt. 15c.

## CORN

Sow April-Aug. 1/2-lb. per 100 ft. row.

**Golden Cross Bantam, T-Strain.** The finest Sweet Corn for general use. Sweet golden kernels, regularly placed on 10-14 rowed medium long ears. Extremely uniform in plant and ear characteristics, and maturity. Pkt. 15c; 1/2-lb. 35c; lb. 60c.

**Oregon Evergreen.** White kernels on long ears, retaining sweetness and flavor well. Pkt. 10c; 1/2-lb. 25c; lb. 45c.

**Black Mexican.** Exceptionally sweet and productive; kernels white at eating stage. Pkt. 10c; 1/2-lb. 25c; lb. 45c.

## CUCUMBER

Sow March to July, 1/2-oz. to 50 ft., spacing hills 3 feet apart. Keep close-picked.

**All Varieties:** Pkt. 10c; 1/2-oz. 20c.

**Colorado.** Dark green, 8-inch fruits.

**Marketer.** Early, very uniform 8-inch fruits.

**Chicago Pickling.** Used when 3 inches long; very prolific.

**Lemon.** Round, lemon-colored, crisp and mild.



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## KALE

Sow Sept. to March, 1/2 oz. to 50 ft.

**Dwarf Green Curled (Scotch).** Best table variety, for vitamin-rich, cabbage-flavored greens. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

**Jersey (1000-Headed).** To six feet; smooth leaves for greens and poultry. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

## KOHL RABBI

Sow Spring and Fall, 1/4-oz. to 50 ft.

**White Vienna.** Best type; globular, sweet, turnip-flavored bulbs above ground. Pkt. 10c; 1/4-oz. 25c.

## HERBS

Sow Anytime, in Flats. Pkts. 10c each.

**Anise.** Leaves in salads; seeds flavor candy, cookies, etc.

**Basil, Sweet.** Spicy leaves flavor salads, soups, etc.

**Borage.** Leaves for flavoring; the lovely blue flowers good bee pasturage.

**Caraway.** Pungent seeds flavor breads, etc.

**Catnip.** Ask your cat!

**Chives.** See under vegetables.

**Coriander.** Seeds flavor cakes, candies.

**Dill.** Pungent seeds for pickles.

**Fennel, Florence.** Bulb at base delicious raw or cooked.

**Fennel, Sweet.** Seeds for flavoring.

**Lavender.** Dried flower-stalks for scent.

**Marjoram, Sweet.** Tender shoots in cooking.

**Rosemary.** Leaves season meats.

**Saffron.** Leaves for flavoring; flowers for canaries.

**Sage.** The most popular herb for seasoning dressings.

**Savory, Summer.** Entire plant aromatic; for seasoning.

**Thyme.** Very popular seasoning.

## LETTUCE

Sow All Year, 1/4-oz. to 50 ft.

**Great Lakes.** Heads despite hot weather; the best summer head lettuce. Pkt. 10c; oz. 35c.

**Los Angeles Market (New York Special).** Large, dark green crisp heads, well-blanchd within; best in cool weather. Pkt. 10c; oz. 35c.

**Bibb.** Small, dark green, sweet, crisp heads. Pkt. 15c; oz. 50c.

**Loose-leaf Simpson.** Light green, broad, frilly leaves. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

**Oak Leaf.** Thick, crisp, sweet, loose leaves. Pkt. 10c; oz. 50c.

**Prizehead.** Thin, tender, red-margined, loose leaves. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

**Romaine (Dark Green Cos).** Upright, loose-folding heads, white at heart. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.

## MELONS

Sow April to June, 1 oz. per 100 ft.

**CANTALOUPEs.** Cranshaw. Large (7 to 8 lbs.); extra-thick, sweet, salmon flesh; green and gold skin. Pkt. 10c; oz. 40c.

**Hale's Best Improved.** Uniform shape, weighing about 3 lbs.; thick, very sweet salmon flesh. Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.



OAK LEAF LETTUCE



**Tip Top.** Distinctly ribbed and netted; delicious salmon flesh. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

**Honey Dew.** Large (5 to 6 lbs.), round and smooth; very sweet, light green flesh. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

**WATERMELONS. Klondike.** Early, oblong, dark green; bright red, very sweet flesh. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

**Striped Klondike.** Similar except for irregular stripes and darker red meat. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 35c.**

## MUSTARD

Sow All Year, 1/4-oz. to 50 ft.

**Southern Giant Curled.** Large, light green frilled leaves for greens. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c.**

**Mustard Spinach** (Tendergreen). Neither a true mustard, or a true spinach, this rapid Oriental vegetable is nearly as mild as spinach, with only a slight mustard flavor, and stands summer heat better than spinach. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

## ONIONS

Sow Sept. to March, 1/4-oz. to 50 ft.

**All Varieties: Pkt. 10c; 1/4-oz. 30c; oz. \$1.00**

**Crystal Wax Bermuda.** Very mild, medium-sized, waxy-white.

**Sweet Spanish.** Very large (1 to 3 lbs.), globular golden brown, with white, sweet flesh.

**Early California Red** (Round Italian). Exceptionally mild, with deliciously sweet flavor; red skin; white flesh; matures early but a poor keeper.

**White Bunching.** Best strain for green onions.

## PARSLEY

Sow All Year, 1 pkt. to 25 ft.

**Extra Triple Curled** (Moss Curled). Dark green, tightly curled leaves. Soak seed a few hours. **Pkt. 10c.**

## PARSNIP

Sow Aug. to March, 1/2-oz. to 50 ft.

**Hollow Crown.** The best variety. Press the soil down on the seeds very firmly, as they are slow to germinate. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

## PEAS

Sow Oct. to Jan. in Southern California. 3/4-lb. to 50 ft.

**Pkt. 10c; lb. 45c**

**Alderman** (Pole Telephone Improved). Bears immense crops of large, full pods.

**Dwarf Telephone.** Similar to Alderman, except only 2 feet tall.

**Edible Pod or Chinese.** Cook whole pods when peas half-size within.

## RADISH

Sow All Year, 1/2-oz. to 50 ft.

**All Varieties: Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c**

**Early Scarlet Globe.** Round, bright scarlet; crisp, tender, white flesh.

**Early Scarlet Turnip, White Tip.** Very early red and white.

**French Breakfast.** Oblong red, with white tip.

**White Icicle.** The long, slender roots remain crisp until mature.

**Winter Radish** (Chinese White). Grows to 8 inches, yet remains sweet and crisp.



RHUBARB CHARD

## SPINACH

Sow Oct. to Feb., 1 oz. to 50 ft.

**Hollandia.** The best winter variety (an improved dark green prickly-seeded), with large, thick leaves. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c.**

## SQUASH

Sow April to Aug., 1 oz. to 50 ft.

**All Varieties: Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c**

### BUSH ("Summer") TYPES

**Early Crookneck.** Very productive; warty yellow fruits of high flavor.

**Early Prolific Straightneck.** Similar color, but straight and smooth.

**Green Bush Scallop.** The standard summer squash.

**Zucchini or Italian.** Very prolific; useful in many ways.

**Black Zucchini.** Similar, but dark green without mottling.

### VINING ("Winter") TYPES

**Banana.** The popular baking squash of Southern California.

**Hubbard.** Thick, sweet flesh; the best keeper.

**Table Queen or Acorn.** Small, dark green ribbed squash, delicious baked whole; halve, and remove seeds before serving.



SQUASH, DARK GREEN ZUCCHINI

## SWISS CHARD

Sow All Year, 1/2-oz. to 100 ft.

**Fordhook Giant.** The newest and most tender; heavily crumpled, dark green leaves; broad, thick, white stems. **Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c.**

**Rhubarb Chard.** Effective bronze-and-red foliage for garden border, flower arrangement, or the vegetable course. **Pkt. 15c; oz. 50c.**

## TOMATO

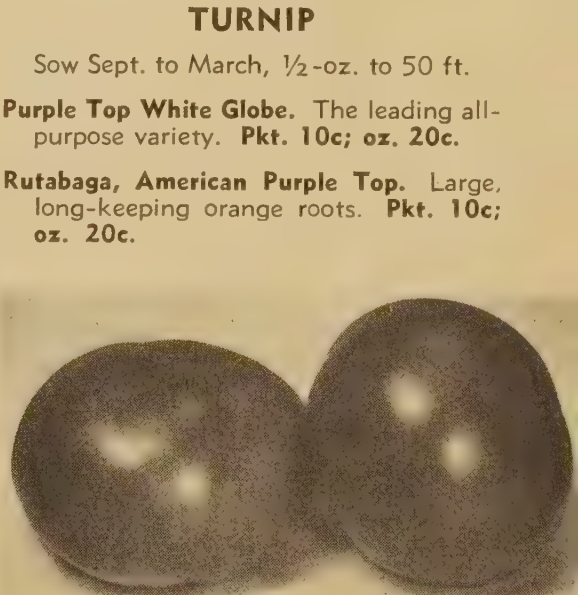
Sow in Flats, Feb. to April.

**Jubilee.** Unusual newer sort; bright orange-yellow fruits of delicious, mild flavor. **Pkt. 15c.**

**Pearson Improved.** The leading wilt-resistant variety for Southern California. Medium-large fruits in abundance. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Ponderosa** (Beefsteak). Extra large, purple-red. **Pkt. 10c.**

**Yellow Pear.** Very productive of small, mild, yellow fruits. **Pkt. 10c.**



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**ORTHO Garden Spray Set.** For use against more prevalent Garden Insects.

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Slugs, Snails, Cutworms, Earwigs, Grasshoppers, Strawberry Root Weevil. Baiting against these pests is easy with the new BUG-GETA PELLETS Compressed BAITs. 5000 baits in a 2-pound carton.

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**ORTHOL Garden Spray.** (Garden VOLCK with DDT.) Kills Aphis, Thrips, Mealybugs and many other insects. 4-oz. Bottle, 35¢ 16-oz. Bottle, 75¢

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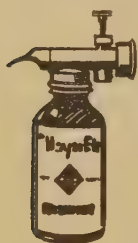
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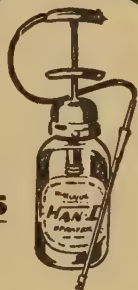
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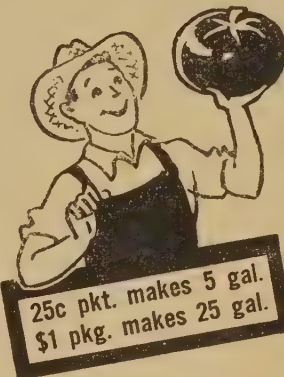


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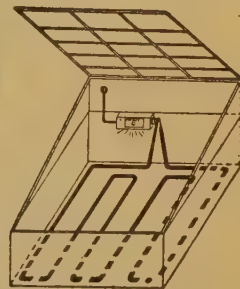
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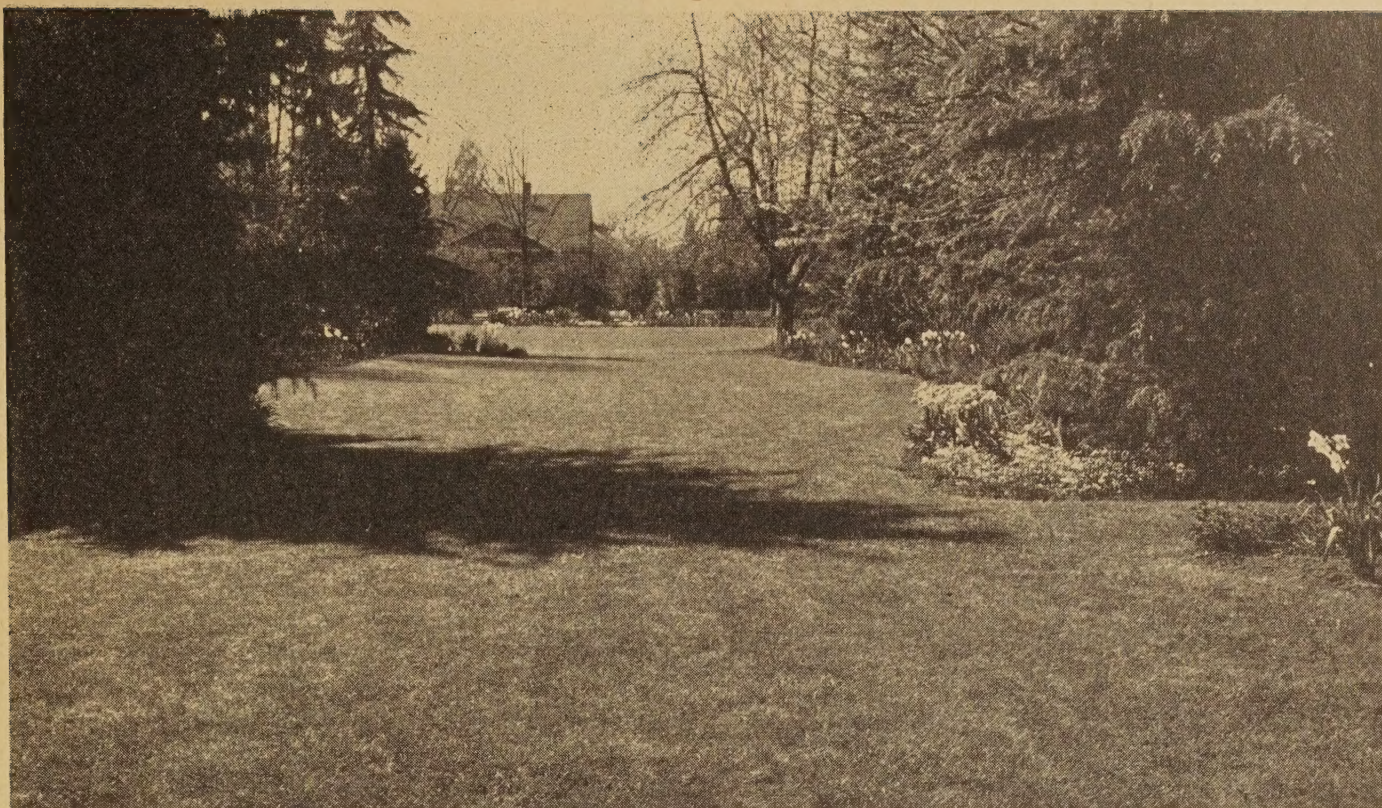
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YOUR LAWN WILL BE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE SEEDS YOU SOW. Since the seed is the least costly part of a new lawn, the few cents additional per pound for the best will be saved many times, in better germination and freedom from weeds.

### Lawn-Making Suggestions

First spade deeply. The addition of weedless steer manure, leaf mold, peat moss, or other humus material at this time is advisable but not essential. Rake to the desired grade and water thoroughly to settle the soil evenly. Waiting for two weeks to allow the surface weeds to germinate is a wise plan. Hoe these, then rake the final grade and broadcast the seed evenly, and cover with weedless steer manure, or peat moss, at the rate of five sacks per 1000 sq. ft. Sprinkle with a fine spray, keeping the surface moist at all times, but avoiding any puddling.

#### Quantity Prices

Applicable to all grass seeds listed below:

10 to 24 lbs., less 2c per lb.;  
25 to 49 lbs., less 4c per lb.;  
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**"Better Lawns" Mixture.** Contains fine-bladed, permanent lawn grasses only (does NOT contain Clover or Rye grasses), and will make a velvety green turf, in sun or light shade, that is a joy to see, and possess. Sow 5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. **Per lb. \$1.00.**

**"Better Shade" Mixture.** Contains fine-bladed, permanent lawn grasses only, which thrive in full or partial shade. **Per lb. \$1.25.**

**Kentucky Blue Grass** (*Poa pratensis*). The best all-around permanent grass for lawns, and the basis of all good mixtures for sunny locations. Sow 6 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. Doubly re-cleaned seed, **per lb. 95c.**

**White Dutch Clover** (*Trifolium repens*).

Forms a rich, green carpet by itself, but is usually combined with Blue Grass as a nurse crop, or for quick winter results. Sow 4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. **Per lb. \$1.15.**

**Chewing's Fescue** (*Festuca rubra* sp.). A

hardy, drought-resisting, fine-bladed perennial for either sun or shade. Chiefly used in the finest mixtures, and by itself for results on poor or sandy soils. Sow 6 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. **Per lb. \$1.35.**

**Seaside Creeping Bent** (*Agrostis maritima*

select). This exceedingly fine-bladed grass makes a beautiful, velvety turf, tending to keep out weeds. Grows well in either sun or shade, but requires careful attention, with frequent mowing and regular watering, morning pre-

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**Pacey's Perennial Rye Grass** (*Lolium perenne* select). A quick, serviceable perennial, forming a semi-permanent lawn in shade, or sun if sown thickly and kept well-watered during hot weather. Sow 12 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. **Per lb. 40c.**

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**Bermuda Grass** (*Cynodon dactylon*). Very resistant to drought and heat. For a green appearance during winter, it will be necessary to rake out dormant runners and reseed with other grasses. Sow 4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. **Per lb. 85c.**

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# Better Bulbs for Spring Planting

## GLADIOLUS

**Algonquin.** New. Brilliant scarlet; 8 to 10 ruffled blooms wide open at once, on a tall, straight spike. **Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.50.**

**Beacon.** Bright rosy-scarlet with a highlight of cream in the throat; spike very tall and straight. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Bit o' Heaven.** Fine newer orange, with yellow throat. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Chamouny.** New, beautiful, deep rose-pink, edged with silver; many medium-sized, round flowers out at once. **Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.50.**

**Commander Koehl.** Rich, deep velvety red, extra large flowers. **Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.50.**

**Elizabeth the Queen.** New, clear lavender; beautifully ruffled flowers in a huge spike, for flower show or cutting. **Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$10.75.**

**Gold Dust.** Tall, newer, deep golden yellow. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Greta Garbo.** Lovely, large creamy-rose, shading to pink; a wonderful show variety. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**King Lear.** Deep red-purple, with silver line on edge of petals; tall, strong spikes. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Lavinia.** Large, ruffled salmon-pink, with a copper sheen. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Margaret Beaton.** One of the most beautiful of all varieties, the large, pure white flowers feathered in the throat with scarlet. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

**Marguerite.** Glorious, new, ruffled, salmon pink, with a creamy throat; tall and distinguished. **Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$10.75.**

**Minuet.** Clear lavender, with 6 or 7 wide-open blooms at a time, perfectly arranged on a tall, straight spike. **Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.50.**

**Mother Machree.** A beautiful combination of a wine-tinted lavender, overlaid with salmon pink. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

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**Rosa Van Lima.** Light rose, with a few darker lines in the throat; 7 to 8 flowers at once on a strong, tall spike. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

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**Snow Princess.** Pure white flowers for exhibition or cutting; tall, vigorous grower. **Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$7.00.**

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## TUBEROSES

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**Camellia-Flowered Doubles.** The huge flowers (4 to 6 inches in diameter) resemble Camellias. See color illustration, page 2. Choose from the following separate colors: Pink, Rose, Salmon, Apricot, Scarlet, Dark Red, Yellow, and White; also Mixed.

**Giant Frilled Singles.** The beautifully ruffled flowers hold their heads well for bedding. Choose from all above separate colors, or mixed.

**Carnation-Flowered Doubles.** The giant flowers have fimbriated petals, resembling those of Carnations. Choose from the following separate colors: Rose, Salmon, Scarlet, Yellow, or All-Colors Mixed.

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**Prices of All Colors and Varieties of Tuberous Begonias: Large Tubers (1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter), each 35c; dozen \$3.50.**

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